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# SHERRY KEYT FINISHED 1ST AT KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE

Two Union County residents took home 1st place medals at the Susan G. Komen North Jersey Race for the Cure on Sunday May 5, 2019, at Liberty State Park in Jersey City. Mountainside resident Ken Wigg, 50, crossed the finish line with the fastest time of 21 minutes and 39 seconds, taking 1st place overall, and winning the 1st place medal in the Men's Division for the USATF Certified Timed 5K Run.

Sherry Keyt, 53, of New Providence, a breast cancer survivor, took home the 1st place Gold Medal in the Survivor's Division after crossing the finish line in 24 minutes and 53 seconds. This was Keyt's 6th Komen North Jersey Race for the Cure medal; she took 1st place in the Survivor's Division in 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2018; and came in 2nd in 2014.

In spite of the heavy rain, an estimated 1,000 people braved the weather to come to Liberty State Park and participate in the annual event, which raises money for the fight against breast cancer.

#### **ABOUT SUSAN G. KOMEN NORTH JERSEY**

The mission of Susan G. Komen North Jersey is to save lives by meeting the most critical needs in our communities and investing in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer. Through the annual Race for the Cure®, Pink Tie Party and other events and activities, Komen North Jersey raises funds to provide screening and diagnostic services, breast health/breast cancer education, treatment support, and survivorship programs for underserved women and men in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties. Since its founding in 1997, Komen North Jersey has awarded over \$19 million in local community grants, and has directed more than \$7 million to national research programs in pursuit of new breast cancer screening techniques, better and more effective treatment options, and ultimately, the causes and cures to eradicate breast cancer forever.

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(above) Sherry Keyt, 53, of New Providence, a breast cancer survivor, "took home the gold" after winning 1st place in the Survivor's Division. This was Keyt's 6th Komen North Jersey Race for the Cure medal; she took 1st place in the Survivor's Division in 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2018; and came in 2nd in 2014.

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# NEW PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES IN 2019 TORCH RUN

On July 7, 2019, members of the New Providence Police Department took part in the annual Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, whose mission is to raise awareness and funds for the Special Olympics movement. The Officers accepted the torch from the Summit Police Department and ran a nearly 3 mile course, traversing Springfield Ave. The Officers run detoured briefly on Maple St, to run through Salt Brook School in an effort to get some

encouragement from our elementary school children. The event concluded at the New Providence-Berkeley Heights border, as the torch was passed to members of the Berkeley Heights Police Department. The New Providence leg of the event included School Resource Officer Michael Carlino, Corporal Bryce Garrison, Patrolman Andrew Lynch, and Class II Officer Greg Miller and Deputy Court Administrator Jessie Parisi.



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## **ETHAN OCWIEJA PERFORMS AT CARNEGIE HALL**

Ten year old Ethan Ocwieja, a 4th grader at the Allen W. Roberts Elementary School in New Providence, received 2ndplace in the 2019 Little Mozarts Music Competition, part of the Crescendo International Competition, for his performance of Allegro by J.H. Fiocco. This earned him a spot to perform in the Winner's Recital at Weill Hall in Carnegie Hall in New York on May 17, 2019.

The Crescendo Competition is an annual music competition held throughout the New Tri-State area, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, California, Washington, Michigan, Minnesota, Canada, Italy, Russia, and South Korea. Junior, intermediate, and advanced levels for all instrumentalists, vocalists, and duet groups competed.

In 2018, more than 5000 applicants competed and only first and second place

winners of regional competitions are invited to perform at a recital at one of a few prestigious worldwide Winners Recital concert halls.

Ethan began studying violin at four years old with Halina Listopad from Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts and is currently studying with Jisun Kang, who has degrees from Manhattan School of Music and the Juilliard School.



(above) Ethan onstage with accompanist Hyungmi Chu.



(above) Ethan Ocwieja, center, with his family, Carol, Matt, Lucas, and Andrew.





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## **JANET SMITH BECOMES A FOSTER CHILD ADVOCATE**

New Providence resident Janet Smith is among the newest class of Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers tasked with serving as extra eyes and ears for family law judges on cases of Union County youth removed from home due to abuse, neglect or abandonment and now living in foster homes or residential facilities.

"I've been involved in various aspects of community service through the years but fulltime work and parenting restricted my ability to get more involved. With more time now, I'm looking forward to working with the dedicated



(above) Janet Smith will advocate for foster youth.

CASA staff and other volunteers to help determine the best environment where children will feel the safety and love they all deserve. If I can make a difference for just one child, becoming a CASA will have been the right choice for me!" said Smith.

After completion of approximately 30 hours' training with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County, she and classmates assembled at the Union County Family Courthouse to take their oath as advocates and judicial volunteers from Superior Court Judges Marc Brown and Richard Wischusen.

The new advocate class ranges from ages 28 to 61, are both parents and nonparents, and lines of work that include education, legal, real estate pharmaceuticals and freelancing. Most had no prior knowledge of the foster system. Smith's classmates include David Bernot and Andrea

Dudley, both of Union, Rich Leahey of Cranford, Ona Ndupu of Hillside, Vicki Racelis of Rahway and Susan Ruszala of Scotch Plains.

After three hours' court observation to see seasoned CASA volunteers in action, each of the advocates will meet their assigned foster youth. With court-ordered access to foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, CASA volunteers incorporate their findings into court reports and work to ensure each youth's needs are met and best interests protected. They are a constant during chaos and work to ensure the youth's trauma is not exacerbated in care.

There are approximately 500 Union County youth from birth to age 21 in foster care, and more than 200 still need their very own CASA volunteer, someone in their corner. Is that you?

For details on upcoming trainings, contact Courtney at 908-293-8136



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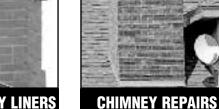
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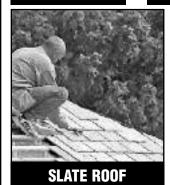


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# NPML Summer Reading Program A Universe of Stories!

June 19 - July 31

Patrons of all ages can track their reading or literacy activities in order to earn prizes or raffle tickets. Bring your reading log in to the volunteers at the Summer Reading desk in the Children's Room throughout the six week program to earn stamps, prizes or raffle tickets to place in our prize baskets. Adults bring their reading logs to the Reference Desk for raffle tickets.

Prize winners will be announced on August 1.

#### Monday Teen Movie: Five Feet Apart (Teens)

July 1 at 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Based on the best-selling novel by Rachael Lippincott. Seventeen-year-olds Stella (Haley Lu Richardson) and Will (Cole Sprouse), both suffering from cystic fibrosis, realize the only way to stay alive is to stay apar.

Rated PG-13, Drama.

#### **Knitting/Crocheting Group (Adults)**

July 1 at 7 · 8:30 p.m.

Drop by the Coddington room with a knitting, crocheting or other fiber art project to work on.

#### Community Quilt Exhibit (All Ages)

July 2 - 31

Part two of the two-part quilt exhibit this summer.

#### Wii Gaming- All About Mario (Gr. 4-6)

July 2 at 11 a.m.

Games and consoles will be provided. Bring your friends and have some fun!

#### Teen Wii Gaming- Sports (Teens Grades 6-12)

July 2 at 12 - 2 p.m.

No registration necessary, just sign in when you arrive for your turn playing a variety of Wii sports games!

#### **Monday Teen Movie: Instant Family (Teens)**

July 8 at 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

When Pete (Mark Wahlberg) and Ellie (Rose Byrne) decide to start a family, they stumble into the world of foster care adoption. Rated PG-13, Comedy.

#### **Baseball Discussion Group (All ages)**

July 8 at 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Anyone with an interest in baseball is welcome. Come discuss your favorite team and players, or just listen.

#### **Quilting Story Time and Craft (Children)**

July 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Quilt stories in the Conti room followed by a quilting-inspired craft for kids at 2 p.m. in the Coddington room.

#### Documentary Film: Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt (Adults)

July 11 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The powerful story of the first decade of the AIDS epidemic in the US, and how the AIDS quilt came to be unfolded in Washington, DC.

#### Monday Teen Movie: Escape Room (Teens)

July 15 at 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Six adventurous strangers (Taylor Russell, Logan Miller) travel to a mysterious building to experience the escape room -- a game where players compete to solve a series of puzzles to win \$10,000. Rated PG-13, Horror.

# Living on the International Space Station - (Gr. 4 +) \*July 15 at 3:30 p.m.

Paul Cirillo will present on how astronauts live and work in space! See breathtaking pictures of the Earth from this orbiting laboratory. Registration is required. Register online at register.communitypass.net/newprovidence



#### **Knitting/Crocheting Group (Adults)**

July 15 at 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Drop by the Coddington room with a knitting, crocheting or other fiber art project to work on.

# Quilting Basics: Putting the Pieces Together (Adults) \*July 16 at 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Fabricland's education coordinator will demonstrate how to get started quilting and piece together quilting squares using a sewing machine. Participants may take a turn at a sewing machine. Free, everyone is welcome.

Registration is required. E-mail npmlref@yahoo.com or register online at register.communitypass.net

#### **Pool Book Club (Adults)**

July 17 at 11 a.m. -12 p.m.

NP Community Pool members: sign up for this joint library-pool book club through the library's CommunityPass page, or e-mail npmlref@yahoo.com.

#### Teen Wii Gaming- Super Smash Bros Tournament (Teens Grades 6-12)

July 18 at 3-5 p.m.

The Super Smash Bros Tournament is back!

#### Housel Fun and Fitness: "The Sky's the Limit!" (K-5)

July 18 at 3:30 p.m.

This interactive show stresses the importance of reading through interactive games, relays and more!

#### Monday Teen Movie: Bohemian Rhapsody (Teens)

July 22 at 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

A celebration of Queen, and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury (Rami Malek). Rated PG-13. **LEGO Club!** *July* 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Come build with us! Try the monthly challenge or build any creation you'd like!

# **Zumbini with Allie! (Ages 0-5)** \*July 24 at 3:30 p.m. Dance, sing and move with Allie during this free music

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#### **Documentary Film: A Century of Quilts (Adults)**

July 25 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

This documentary by PBS celebrates the art of quilting by featuring selections from the best 100 American quilts of the 20th century, the stories behind their creation and the quilters as they work. 60 minutes, 2001.

# Fun Math Learning with CAMathories (Gr. K-5) \*July 26 at 3 p.m.

We'll learn about and try some CAMathories games and preview interactive videos that have been developed to help children learn different math concepts. Register online at register.communitypass.net

#### **Monday Teen Movie: Mortal Engines (Teens)**

July 29 at 1:00-3:15 p.m.

Based on the novel by Philip Reeve. Hundreds of years after civilization was destroyed by a cataclysmic event, a

giant, predator city on wheels -- from devouring everything in its path. Rated PG-13, Science Fiction.

#### Teen Wii Gaming - Wii Lego (Teens Grades 6-12)

July 30 at 12 - 2 p.m.

Invite your friends and play Wii Lego Harry Potter, Wii Lego Indiana Jones and Wii Lego Star Wars.

# Kids Movie: LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part (All Ages) July 31 at 1 p.m.

The citizens of Bricksburg face a dangerous new threat when LEGO DUPLO invaders from outer space start to wreck everything in their path. The film is rated PG. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **CHILDREN'S STORY TIMES**

4, 5, 6 yr olds - Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Toddlers (18 mos-3) - Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Baby Lapsit (3-18 mos) - Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Playgroup - Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

**4, 5, 6 yr olds -** \*New time!

Thursday at 1:30 p.m.--

Drop-in Craft – All Ages (18 mos & up)

Thursday at 2 p.m.
\*No story times June 18-July 4\*

#### FREE TEEN MOVIE MONDAYS

Open to all Teens ages 13+ (Rayed PG13)

"Five Feet Apart" Drama, - July 1 at 1 p.m.

"Instant Family" Comedy - July 8 at 1 p.m.

"Escape Room" Horror - July 15 at 1 p.m.

"Bohemian Rhapsody" Rockumentary - July 22 at 1 p.m.
"Mortal Engines" Sci-Fi - July 29 at 1 p.m.

#### **KIDS & FAMILY MOVIE WEDNESDAYS**

Open to all families. Children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

"Lego Movie 2: The Second Part" - July 31 at 1 p.m.

#### **MOVIES FOR ADULTS TUESDAYS**

"The Upside" Rated PG-13 - July 2 at 1 p.m. "The Mule" Rated R - July 9 at 1 p.m.

"On the Basis of Sex" Rated PG-13 - July 16 at 1 p.m.

"Vice" Rated R - July 23 at 1 p.m.

"Isn't It Romantic" Rated PG-13 - July 30 at 1 p.m.

#### **FOREIGN FILMS**

"Capernaum" In Arabic & Amharic w/English subtitles

July 3 at 1 p.m.

"Stefan Zweig: Farewell to Europe" - July 22 at 7 p.m. In German, English, Portuguese, French & Spanish

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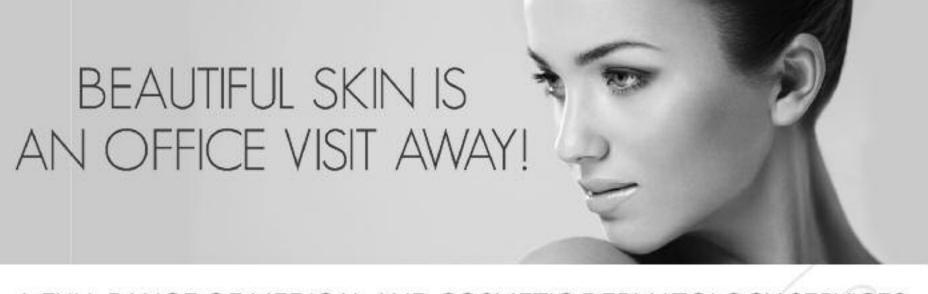
center located in Mountainside and Newark New friend, sibling, parent or other important person Jersey, serving children age 3-18 who have had a parent or sibling die, with concurrent support groups for their parents or guardians. Support for children and teens living with a parent or sibling with a life-altering physical illness is also available. Free year-round support groups are also available for young adults who have had a

in their life die, or who have a parent, sibling or friend living with an illness.

If you are interested in learning more about the upcoming trainings scheduled for July 26-29th, 2019 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily, please contact Mandi at Mandi@imaginenj.org or visit imaginenj.org to schedule a tour.



(above, l-r) John Toriello, Imagine Board Chair, Westfield; Jordan Glatt, Summit; Keith S. Hertell, Westfield; Assemblyman Jon Bramnick; Senator Tom Kean; Barbara Neal, Imagine Board Member, Watchung; Mary Robinson, Imagine Executive Director; Diana Jurtovski-Miller, Imagine Board Member, New Providence; Mayor Shelley Brindle, Westfield; Pastor William M. Williams, III, First United Methodist Church, Westfield; Alan Lieber, President Overlook Medical Center; Mayor Paul Mirabelli, Mountainside; Jeff Peris, Imagine Board Member, Scotch Plains; Stu Arnold, Imagine Board Chair Emeritus, Westfield; Father Anthony Randazzo, Holy Trinity Church, Westfield. For more information on Imagine, visit www.imaginenj.org.



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#### **AAA Senior Driver Safety Presentation**

Wednesday, July 10 at 11:00 a.m. A Traffic Safety Specialist from AAA will speak at the New Providence Senior Citizen Club meeting and offer

safety tips for all drivers.

#### **AAA Car Fit Program**

Thursday, July 18 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This program is intended to help older drivers make sure their cars are properly fitted for safety, including driver visibility, and was developed by the American Society on Aging in collaboration with AAA, AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association. Each free personal Car Fit assessment takes approximately 15-20 minutes, during which a trained technician will complete a 12-point check of how well the driver and his or her car work together, and make recommendations to adjust vehicle components for a bitter fit to make the driving experience as safe as possible. Please schedule an appointment in advance by calling (908) 665-0046.

#### **AARP Smart Driver Course**

Monday July 22 from 9:00 a.m.-3 p.m. The course will help to refresh driving skills, review the rules of the road, and teach research-based driving strategies. There are no tests to pass. Participants may receive a multiyear discount on car insurance. The cost is \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non members. Please register in advance by calling (908) 665-0046, or send an e-mail to DeCorsoCenter@newprov.org.



(above) New Providence Senior Citizen Club members prepare hot dogs to share with the community at the annual Memorial Day Remembrance event.

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Classes will be led by our experienced instructor, Myriam Gabriel. Myriam will lead participants through various exercises that are suitable for those living with arthritis. Research shows that exercise can help people who have arthritis cope with pain. Doreen M. Stiskal, PhD, chair of the department of physical therapy at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, states, "Most people with arthritis don't exercise because they're in pain – not realizing that exercise is a powerful and effective pain reliever. It eases inflammation, improves energy and promotes the flow of feel-good, pain-relieving chemicals like endorphins."

Please sign up in advance by calling (908) 665-0046 or by sending an email to DeCorsoCenter@newprov.org. There are many other activities for New

Providence seniors—speakers, exercise classes, trips, etc. Please refer to the seniors page on the New Providence website

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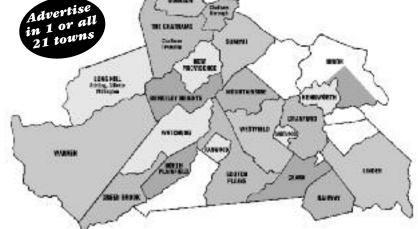
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# NEW PROVIDENCE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION JOIN THE FESTIVITIES ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 3!

The New Providence Independence Day Celebration, sponsored by New Providence Business and Investors Bank, returns to the borough on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, on South Street from Gales Drive to Springfield Avenue, and will include fun filled activities for all. Our hometown DJ Michael Savage will provide entertainment from his perch on South Street. There will be "Chalk on South" (kids of all

ages can get a free "bucket" of chalk to create art and messages on the street) and lots of fun for the whole family. The event begins at 7 p.m. and the fabulous fireworks will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. Be sure to bring lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy the festivities. In case of rain, information will be posted on the borough website, newprov.org. The rain date is Friday, July 5.

## **HAWK RISE GOES BATTY!**

Join the naturalists of Hawk Rise Sanctuary on July 12, 2019 from 8 – 9:30 p.m. for a special evening program and learn all about bats and their many important roles in nature. We will bust some common myths about these fascinating but misunderstood animals and discuss some of the ways we can help to protect them. As the sun goes down, we will head out on the trail and try to pick up their echolocation calls with our bat detector. There is nothing quite like a nature walk at night, so come get batty with us! This program is open to all. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight if desired. Cost: Free. No registration required.

#### **About Hawk Rise Sanctuary**

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Open daily from sunrise to sunset. At the entrance to Hawk Rise is information for visitors including animal and plant species to look for, as well as any upcoming programs. There's a Porta-Potty but no other facilities at the location so plan accordingly! At the start of the sanctuary you have options on which way to go, and throughout the park there are other forks in the trails – choose wisely but be sure to go back and see what you missed. Events are held throughout the year visit https://njaudubon.org/centers/hawk-rise-sanctuary/.

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New Providence Business is proud to present four free summer concerts offering music and entertainment for the whole family. The free concerts start at 7 p.m. and will feature a face painter and magician to entertain the kids, along with free hot dogs provided by Prestige Diner, water provided by Acme, and ice cream from Zita's Homemade Ice Cream for all to enjoy.

The 2019 concert dates are:

# "Throwback Thursday" with the West Morris Community Band

Thurs., July 18 Kinderhook

Thurs., July 25
Asbury Fever

Thurs., August 1

(National Night Out – 6 p.m.) Elefante Family Band with The NJ Jazz Academy

Tues., August 6

The last concert coincides with National Night Out and includes additional activities presented by the New Providence Police, Fire, and EMS (starting at 6 p.m.).

The first three concerts will be held on Thursday evenings and the fourth concert on Tuesday evening in Centennial Park starting at 7 p.m., rain or shine. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the sounds of the evening. If rain prevents an outside performance, it will be held inside in the municipal gym.





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