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# **COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER WITH ART INSTALLATION**

Submitted by New Providence- Our Community For All Committee

You can't miss it. Waving in the breeze from every corner of the big pavilion in Centennial Park, hundreds of multi-colored banners made by New Providence residents dance in the breeze. The individual works of art celebrate what the artists love about New Providence, the town's Tricentennial, and the precious things that got us through this trying time of social distancing. Flags will be on display until July 11th.

Crafted in individual living rooms and on dining room tables in hundreds of homes, these special small artworks come together in one display to bring people together as a town. They highlight the many joys of life in New Providence.

All generations made artwork- from residents at Lantern Hill to preschool neighbors. "So many of the pieces are inspirational, celebrating the small joys of life we have all come to appreciate even more during this trying time," said Patricia Jacobs, the Executive Director of New Providence- Our Community For All, the group sponsoring the art installation. She expressed gratitude to the Grotta Fund for Senior Care for funding the group, which helped it achieve the project's goal of brining residents together.

As the flags were finally hung on Saturday, June 13th, Co-chair of the project, Stacey Gunderman said "Being a part of this project was humbling and inspiring. Our community has shared their gifts of creativity and shown that we will come together to meet any challenge even when that means we must stay physically apart." Ilyse Rogozenski, also Co-chair, added "Finding







a way to bring our community together in a creative and safe way was the reason I wanted to be a part of this project. Not only did it do something special for our town, but it was also a great family project!"

Anne Keller, leader of the Girl Scout Troop that worked hard on the project for weeks, was enthusiastic about the way the many flags came together in the last few days. "Involving the girls in this project showed these future leaders how a community can come together, even in difficult times, to create something positive and wonderful" she said.

"It was very difficult to pick out just a few banners to award prizes to" said Jacobs. "We hope everyone comes out to see all the wonderful and creative designs." Prizes were awarded on Saturday, June 13th on the steps of the pavilion as the art installation was completed. Winners were: Most Charming- Yufeng Li, Most Beautiful-Alan Yang, Most Creative-Emi Goswami and Most Inspirational-Anissa Tennekoon.





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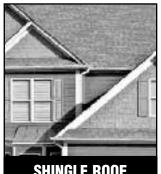


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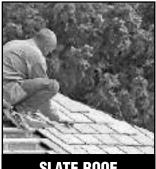
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To prevent dog bites, Union County Postmasters recommend the following responsible pet ownership tips:

- Obedience training can teach dogs proper behavior and help owners control their dog in any situation.
- When the letter carrier comes to your home, keep your dog inside, away from the door, in another room, or on a leash.
- Dogs can be protective of their territory and

may interpret the actions of letter carriers as a threat. Please take precautions when accepting mail in the presence of your pet.

• Dogs that haven't been properly socialized, receive little attention or handling, or are left tied-up for long periods of time frequently turn into biters.

By following these few simple tips, pet owners can significantly improve neighborhood safety for everyone.

The Postal Service has a short animated dog bite video available on its YouTube site, USPS TV.

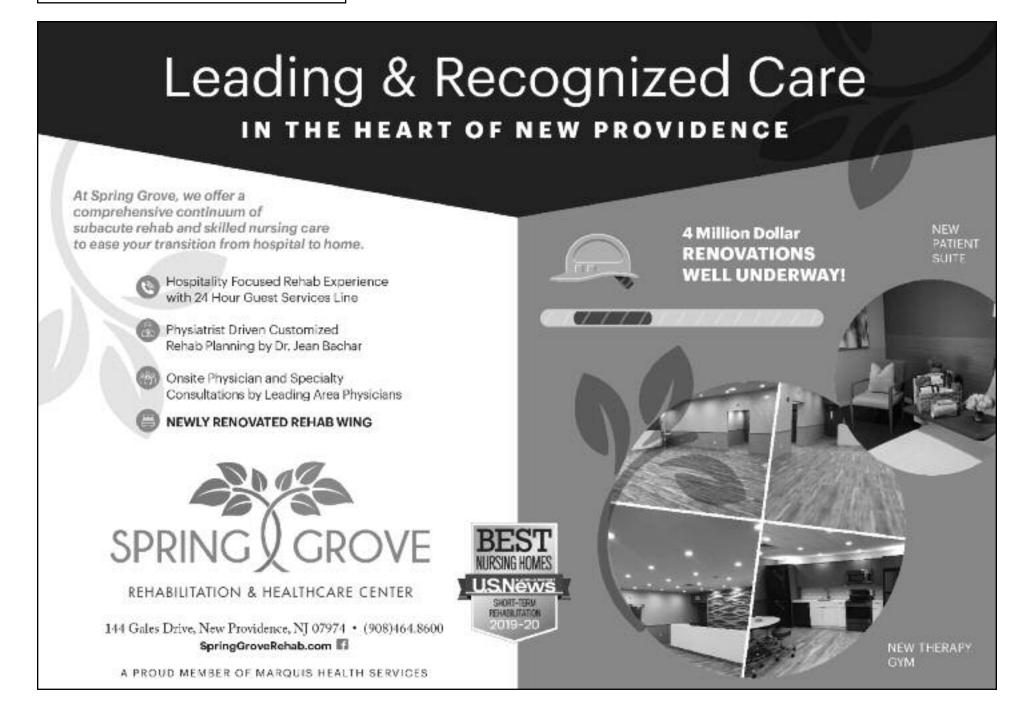
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As the season brings warmer weather, the Westfield Regional Health Department warns against feeding or interacting with wildlife and stray animals. New Providence residents are advised to take precaution and call the police department non-emergency phone number at (908) 665-1111 when encountering wildlife that appears aggressive or distressed.

Additional information regarding Animal Control and safety recommendations is available at westfieldnj.gov/health.

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The New Providence Lions Club recently installed their new slate of officers for the club. The new President is Tom Montrone; First Vice President, Patricia Jacobs; Secretary, Anne Marie Ragsdale; and Treasurer, Perry Scopelliti. The officers will serve form July 2020 until July 2022.

Tom Montrone noted that, "We have traditionally supported all of New Providence, from kids to seniors, first responders, the Community Services Association and more. Under Ed Morgan, the club even contributed to the production of masks and protective gear to meet the recent crisis. This year we will be challenged to do more. In addition to our traditional efforts, finding ways to help some of our local small businesses that have been hit so hard by the pandemic will be an added objective."

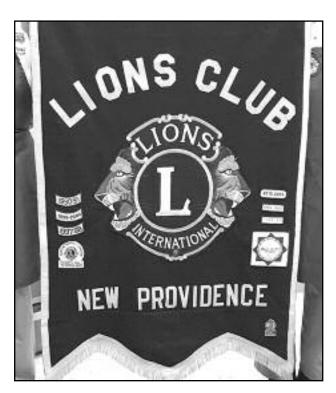
The New Providence Lions Club is a diverse group of more than 60 members, both men and women from different backgrounds and professions committed to serving our local community. Celebrating over 50 years of service our mission is to give back to the New Providence Community to make it a better place to live, work and do business. Thanks to our active membership and generous sponsors we are able to support NP Police, Fire, EMS, students, seniors and many other good causes. The New Providence Lions Club is a 501(c)3 organization,

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# **NEW PROVIDENCE'S BAGEL CAFÉ JOINS FORCES WITH GRACE**

#### Submitted by Jane Koppelman

11-year-old brain cancer survivor, Grace Eline has started her own charity with the help of The American Childhood Cancer Organization. In her first initiative, Grace arranged breakfast to be donated to staff and pediatric cancer warriors by the Bagel Café, New Providence for multiple pediatric cancer hospitals in the area.

Grace posted on her Instagram page, "pediatric cancer doesn't take a break. Neither does the amazing staff helping these warriors and their families. Thanks to the generosity of the Bagel Café, New Providence, we were able to provide



(above) Grace Eline, a Morris County Brain Tumor Survivor, joined forces with New Providence's Bagel Café.

breakfast for The Valerie Fund crew at continues to deliver positivity, hope and breakfast Morristown Hospital today. We did the same for TVF Newark Beth Israel last week. They are near and dear to our hearts! Thank YOU for your kind, generous support of our mission and our warriors. We appreciate you all."

Breakfasts have delighted not only the little cancer warriors but also been shared with committed front-line workers, and hospital staff. This initiative has not only engaged the community but helped to brighten the day of all those touched. Craig Bass, Owner of Bagel Cafe in New Providence, N.J. and Grace Eline of Morris Country spread the love through deliveries to six local hospitals: Newark Beth Israel Hospital - The Valerie Fund, Morristown Medical Center Goryeb Children's Hospital - The Valerie Fund, St. Joseph's Hospital in Patterson -The Valerie Fund, Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey in New Brunswick, RWJ St. Barnabas Hospital, and a special drop off for Memorial Day to the Veterans Hospital in Lyons.

"When I met little Grace, she was all smiles and filled with such energy you wouldn't know she had battled a brain tumor. She wouldn't want it any other way. Grace, and her mom, wanted to thank all the doctors and nurses who helped her during her treatments. Grace came up with the idea of providing breakfast to doctors and nurses. When she told me her favorite bagels were from Bagel Cafe, I could not wait to be a part of it! She to all those in the fight to beat cancer. She even started a blog. I follow her and you should too!"

WITH Grace will be working on many more initiatives to help spread kindness and raise awareness for childhood cancer. The young advocate plans on engaging more community members to start a master class series and raise money for pediatric cancer research in the future.

#### **ABOUT WITH GRACE**

At nine years old, Grace was diagnosed with Germinoma, a germ-cell brain tumor. In May 2018, Grace traded her softball glove and gymnastics leotard for chemotherapy and proton radiation. Throughout the rest of the year, Grace stayed positive and strong, making the rounds in the hospital, cheering up other patients and always having a smile for the many caring medical professionals who treated her. Grace will tell you that maybe it wasn't the most fun thing to do, but she wouldn't trade the people she met and the friends she made for anything. As the true warrior she is, Grace has channeled her energy into helping several charities with fundraising, awareness campaigns, and visits to pediatric patients.

Grace started the WITH Grace Initiative, in collaboration with The American Childhood Cancer Organization. Please visit withgraceinitiative.org to learn more about the journey of this extraordinary 11-year old.

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Markey states, "This crisis didn't happen overnight, nor is it the fault of any individual, city department or elected official. Over the years mistakes and oversights have been made."

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DRINKS Soda & Water\$ 2 Jarritos\$ 3	FAMILY MEALS (serves 3)\$36 Choice of: Chicken Tinga, Pork Carnitas, Beef Picadillo,Roasted Corn & Peppers. Includes: Charro beans, Mexican rice, Corn tortillas, salsa, crema.				

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