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The 2021 Holiday Festival, featuring the Christmas Walk, was held on November 26, 2021. This festival is the largest borough event, drawing thousands of residents and visitors. The annual Christmas Walk, an evening gathering traditionally held on the Friday after Thanksgiving in the downtown area, featured activities and giveaways by participating merchants, the arrival of Santa on a firetruck with the New Providence Marching Band; followed by a display of fireworks sponsored by NP Fuel that could be seen throughout the downtown.



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COOKIE WALK A HUGE SUCCESS

New Providence American Legion Post 433 hosted their annual Cookie Walk on December 11th. Despite the rainy weather, the line to enter seemed endless.

Due to COVID, the annual event was cancelled last year making this year quite special. Cookie lovers from all over couldn't wait to fill their holiday boxes.

Thanks to all our bakers throughout the community there were plenty of choices. Santa

greeted the children with candy canes and a "Ho!, Ho!, Ho!"

The American Legion would like to thank all our bakers and customers.

We wish you all a happy and healthy season. We can't wait to see you all again next year. Mark your calendar for December 10, 2022.

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Chrissy Sloan

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FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MENORAH LIGHTING

Submitted by Larry Holt

On the evening of Tuesday, November 30th, the third of the eight days of Hanukkah, Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence and the three synagogues of Summit; Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center, Temple Sinai, and Congregation Beth Hatikvah, lit the third candle of the Menorah on the lawn of Faith. This was the fifteenth consecutive year that Faith and the synagogues have partnered in the lighting of the Hanukkah Menorah at Faith, which is located at 524 South Street, New Providence, NJ. Accompanying the Menorah during each of the years has been a sign, "In Celebration with our Jewish Brothers and Sisters."

The lighting ceremony began with a welcome from Rev. Jane McCready, Pastor of Faith. She expressed her gratitude to the people from the four congregations in attendance and particularly greeted Rabbi Avi Friedman of Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish

Community Center and Rabbi Erin Glazer of Temple Sinai. Pastor McCready stated her appreciation for the long-term friendship Faith has had with the synagogues.

Rabbi Avi Friedman thanked Pastor McCready and Faith for again hosting the lighting ceremony and communicated the synagogues' great happiness that this extraordinary tradition continues. He said that Hanukkah celebrates the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem after the Maccabees, a small Jewish army, conquered the powerful Seleucid Army through guerrilla tactics. On the day of their liberation, the Maccabees could only find a small jug of uncontaminated oil that would light their Menorah for just one day. Miraculously, the oil lasted for eight days, the time needed to procure more uncontaminated oil.

Rabbi Friedman said that the Maccabees' Menorah should signify light and hope for us, as we navigate these difficult times.

A pamphlet of Hanukkah songs was distributed to all. The cantors of the three

synagogues led everyone in the singing of the songs; a few were serious, most were fun. The cantors were Janet Ilene Roth of Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center, Marina Shemesh of Temple Sinai, and Steve Wetter of Congregation Beth Hatikvah.

Rabbi Erin Glazer expressed her appreciation to Pastor McCready and Faith for conducting the lighting ceremony with the three synagogues. She praised that the tradition has occurred for fifteen years and will continue. The members of the synagogues are grateful for the friendship and recognition by Faith.

As the ceremony adjourned, there were many good wishes of Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas.

For more information visit: Faith Lutheran - famfaith.org; Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center - summitjcc.org; Temple Sinai - templesinainj.org; Congregation Beth Hatikvah - bethhatikvah.org



(above, l-r) Cantors; Marina Shemesh of Temple Sinai, Janet Ilene Roth of Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center, and Steve Wetter of Beth Hatikvah, led the Hanukkah songs.

(above, l-r) Cantor Janet Ilene Roth of Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center, Pastor Jane McCready of Faith Lutheran, Rabbi Erin Glazer of Temple Sinai, Rabbi Avi Friedman of Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center, and Mayor Al Morgan of New Providence

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FAITH LUTHERAN PROVIDES CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO CHARITIES

Submitted by Larry Holt

Adhering to its annual tradition, Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence, NJ contributed Christmas gifts to people served by local social service agencies in the community and St. Stephan's Grace Community Church in Newark, NJ.

The following organizations received the gifts:

The ARC of Union County, which provides resources to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as their families to ensure that the people realize full and productive lives. The Possum Way Group Home in New Providence, NJ is part of ARC.

Cheshire Home, which provides residential specialized care facilities for disabled adults.

New Providence Community Service Association, which offers assistance to New Providence residents in their time of need.

St. Stephan's Grace Community Church, which is a diverse and multicultural church in the Ironbound Section of Newark, NJ. For a number of years, members of Faith have tutored children at St. Stephan's.

As they've done in prior years, Joanne and Ed

Berryman, members of Faith and residents of Madison, NJ, managed this ministry. The gift for everyone was either a plush throw blanket or a cozy hooded sweatshirt. Each of the four organizations completed a form for each of its recipients, with the person's name and the gift he or she preferred. If a sweatshirt was chosen, the size and either man, woman, or child was marked on the form.

For the purchase of the gifts, Faith collected monetary donations and Mr. and Mrs. Berryman bought the gifts. They wrapped them in festive gift bags, which they individually labeled with each recipient's name. The Berrymans also attached candy canes and holiday cards from Faith Lutheran.

Since some money remained after the purchase of the gifts, Faith contributed the money to Roots and Wings, an organization which provides housing and support for people who have aged out of the foster care system.

In addition, the pastor of Faith Lutheran is Rev. Jane McCready. You may visit Faith at famfaith.org or at 524 South Street, New Providence, NJ. The phone number is 908-464-5177.



(above) Some of the gifts at the altar of Faith Lutheran Church this Christmas season.

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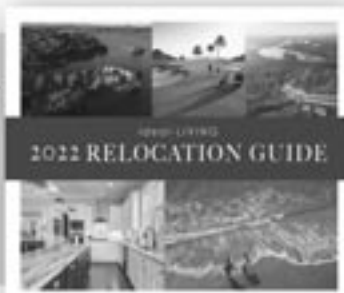
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Many parents who have much less knowledge, experience, and skills than Joe Montana are in the same boat in regards to helping their kids get stronger, faster, and more confident.

Most parents we've come across want their kids to eat healthier, be more active, and have a stronger mindset. But many have told us they need help.

Even with the constant reminders of telling their kids to eat more vegetables, get outside instead of watching TV, practice their sport more, get to bed earlier...they find that sometimes the message falls on deaf ears...and some backup would be helpful toward their vision of helping their kid be the best they can be.

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Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to watch less TV or play video games...now they are limiting these activities because they've learned they don't really help them become better athletes.

Before, parents struggled with helping their kids have more confidence...now their kids are doing things out of their comfort zone more often which is helping them believe in themselves which further improves self-esteem.

Before, parents had no clue how to help their kid get faster...now they are faster because they've learned that speed is a skill, and a few simple tweaks can make a kid faster immediately.

Before, parents could not get their kids to make their beds...now their kid makes their

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Before, parents wanted their kids to have more determination and grit when training new things...now they are staying calm under pressure and seeking out challenges instead of avoiding them.

Many times it's not about telling your kid to eat more vegetables or stop watching TV...but rather finding the right environment for them to be more successful.

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Attention Parents of Kids Ages 6-18

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- **Your children will start to eat better** because we'll be educating them daily on what's good and what they should avoid ...don't be surprised if they start asking you to buy more vegetables.
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- "I have watched my children become more confident and vocal."

- Christine Stramandinoli, Grit Athlete Parent

- "His confidence has shot up in the last few months...and has carried forward to the way he approaches other activities like sports and schoolwork. My son is now making his bed daily and exercising every day."

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Batter Up — Let's Talk Baseball (All Ages)

January 10th at 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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January 11th at 7 p.m.

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Comic Book Workshop:

Basic Storytelling in Comics (Kids)

January 12th at 4 p.m.

Unlimited Wonder Comics Lab is a comics making workshop where students learn how they can use the medium of comics to tell their stories. Participate in collaborative and interactive drawing lessons as well as learn about cartoonists, such as Raina Telgemeier and Dav Pilkey. Zoomworkshop for children in grades 3-6. Email to register.

Comic Book Workshop: AutoBiography & Manga (Teens)

January 13th at 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Join this Zoom comics making workshop to learn how to use the medium of comics to tell your stories. Regardless of drawing skill level, you'll begin drawing right away, along with interactive and collaborative exercises as well as activities that help develop the basics of making comics in a fun and engaging way. This Unlimited Wonder Comics Lab workshop will focus on writing autobiography comics as well as manga comics and illustrations. Open to teens in grades 7-12. Email to register.

Book Group (Adults)

January 13th at 7:30 p.m.

The book group will discuss *The Dry* by Jane Harper. A small town in Australia hides big

secrets in this atmospheric, page turning debut mystery. Copies of the book will be available to check out at the front desk one month before the discussion. New members are welcome and the group votes each month whether to meet in person with masks or via Zoom. To join the book group, email or stop by the reference desk.

Take Home Craft (Kids)

January 18th – 21st (or while supplies last)

Pick up this month's take home craft in the children's room! Kits are first come, first serve, and while supplies last.

Virtual Origami Club (Kids)

January 18th at 3:30 p.m.

Learn all about origami and how to make your own creations right at home! This program is run by teen volunteers, who are passionate about sharing their love of science and STEM with younger children. For children in grades 3-4. Email to receive your origami kit and the link to the YouTube instructional video.

Book Group (Adults)

January 18th at 10:30 a.m.

The book group will discuss *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Nora Seed finds herself faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one: following a different career, undoing old breakups, or realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist. She must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place. Copies will be available to check out at the front desk one month before the discussion. To join the book group, stop by the reference desk, or email.

TEENy Tiny Art Tour! (Teens)

January 18th – 28th

Come pick up a kit containing a tiny 4" canvas, paints, and brushes to take home and create TINY ART! Return your completed tiny art creation by closing on Friday, January 28th to be included in our Teen Tiny Art Tour inside the library's teen area! Art will be on display for the month of February in our own Tiny Art gallery. You may take your creations home to keep at the end of February. Create art for your own sake! Kits are limited to TEENS ONLY in grades 6-12. Email to reserve yours in advance.

Perfecting Test Scores & Approach Webinar (HS Students & Parents)

January 25th at 7:00 p.m.

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Foundations of Investing (Adults)

January 27th at 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Financial advisor, Brian Killea, presents Foundations of Investing, a free, educational

seminar. Learn the importance of developing a strategy, the impact of asset allocation, and how inflation influences your long-term goals. Brian Killea holds a dual MBA from NYU's Stern School of Business in Finance and Entrepreneurial Studies. After 20 years with JPMorgan, Citibank and BNY Mellon, Brian left Wall Street for EdwardJones in New Providence, NJ, where he partners with families and individuals to meet their financial goals. Space is limited to 10 participants for this in-person educational program. Masks are required. Email to register.

Signup for February Teen Take Out boxes (Teens)

January 31st at 3:00 p.m.

Teen Take Out is a monthly box of fun for New Providence teens in grades 6-12 with a current NPML library card. Each month, we put together a box for you, which includes fun treats like snacks, crafts, bookmarks, buttons, stickers, and more. Plus, we select a YA Fiction book for you based on your answers to our questionnaire! Use our Google form, forms.gle/zv8cxtbRZCysPSXF7, to sign up for the February box on January 31th. (First 12 signups each month; preference to those who have not yet gotten one.)

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VIRTUAL STORYTIME PROGRAMS

Join us on our YouTube Channel for the following Virtual Storytime Programs:

No virtual storytime January 17, 2022

Storytime with Ms. Sam

(through January) — All ages

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Posted every Tuesday at 10 a.m.

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Baby Storytime with Ms. Sam (through January) — For babies (0-18 months)

Posted every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

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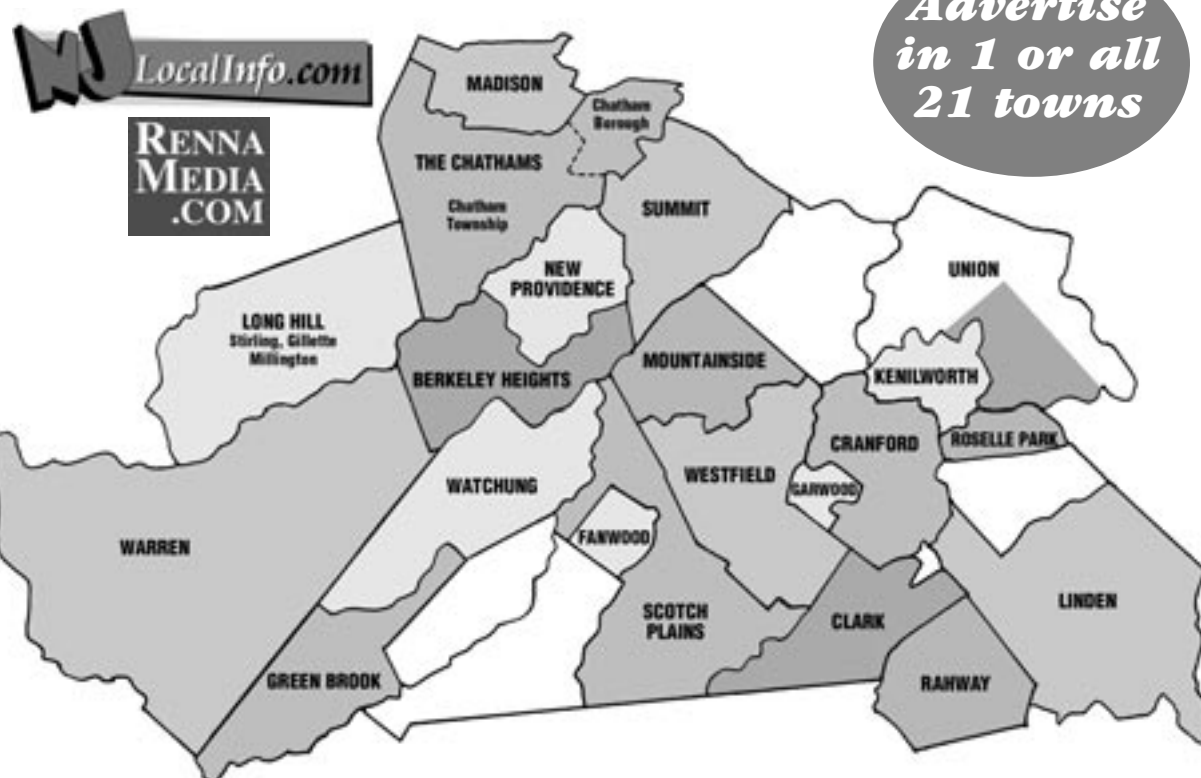
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KENILWORTH CHESS CLUB IS BACK ON BOARD

The Kenilworth Chess Club resumed meeting on November 11, 2021, after twenty months of being closed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Club President Jack McCorkell of Cranford held a "Welcome Back Tournament" to celebrate. The casual unrated tournament excited members, and even some new arrivals, who were itching to play "over the board" again. The three-week tournament ended in a tie for first place between Hanna Malko of Clark and Joe Renna of Cranford.

The club was formed in 1972 amid the chess craze in America spearheaded by Bobby Fischer's march to the world championship. For 45 years the club was a force to be reckoned with as its member roster included many Master level players, including state champions.

The club has a reputation for being friendly and accommodating. It welcomes non-members with no obligation or cost. It's a place where beginners can learn in a casual setting without being intimidated. Strong players are generous with their time in analyzing and giving instruction.

The club's website, kenilworthchessclub.org, is well read and features an award-winning blog by Michael Goeller and other instructional features.

Players are welcome to just pop into the Kenilworth Chess Club with no formalities every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the Kenilworth Community Center located next to Kenilworth Borough Hall on the Boulevard and the corner of 24th Street.



(above, l-r) Brandon Verno of Kenilworth, John Moldovan of Garwood, Hannah Malko of Clark, Jack McCorkell of Cranford, Mark Shoengold and Louis Leiggi of Colonia analyze a critical position during the post mortem of Welcome Back Tournament game between Verno and Leiggi held at the Kenilworth Chess Club.

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