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## **HONORING VETERANS ON MEMORIAL DAY**

The New Providence Memorial Day Parade was held on Monday, May 30, 2022. New Providence remembered the brave men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving in this country's armed forces. After the parade, American Legion Post #433, invited everyone for hot dogs and light refreshments.

In attendance was Michael Boll, President of New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) and the team's executive board member, Sara Abraham. They were presented a proclamation and a flag that was flown over the state capital from the NJ Legislative 21st District. The NJVN was honored for all their amazing work during the height of the Covid Pandemic. They provided over 5,000 meals and

thousands of pieces of life saving PPE equipment to National Guardsmen and disabled veterans.

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(above) The New Providence Borough Council warmly welcomed the New Jersey Veterans Network to New Providence on Memorial Day at a gathering after the parade held at the American Legion Post 433. Pictured: New Providence Borough Councilman Matt Cumiskey, Councilwoman Lisa McKnight, Mayor Al Morgan, President New Jersey Veterans Network Michael Boll, Board Member Assemblywoman Michele Matsikoudis of New Providence, Board Member Sarah Abraham, Councilwoman Diane Bilicska, Council President Nadine Geoffroy, and Councilman Pete DeSarno.



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**New Providence News** 

## **CAPTAIN DANIEL HENN APPOINTED AS CHIEF OF POLICE**

#### Borough of New Providence

Council approved the appointment of Captain Daniel Henn as the new Chief of Police. The Police Department is thrilled to announce that Captain Daniel Henn will be sworn in as the Department's 8th Police Chief on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Captain Henn is a dedicated law enforcement professional who has earned the respect and admiration of his fellow officers. He has over 22 years of experience and will continue to lead the department with integrity and professionalism. During his career, Captain Henn has received numerous commendations and awards, most recently, he received the medal of honor for his actions during Hurricane Ida.

Captain Henn holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Marist College and graduated from the John H. Stamler Police Academy on December 7, 1999. In 2005, he obtained his Certified Public Manager certificate and has attended the FBI LEEDA Leadership Institute.

He began his career with the New Providence Police Department in January 2000 as a Patrolman. During his career he has served in different capacities, specifically in the role of Corporal, Investigator, Patrol Sergeant and Detective Sergeant, Lieutenant and most recently, Captain.

Captain Henn is a long time New Providence The New Providence Mayor and Borough resident who truly understands the importance of the Police Department's motto "in partnership with the community."



(above) Captain Daniel Henn, a long time New Providence resident, will be sworn in as the Department's 8th Police Chief on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

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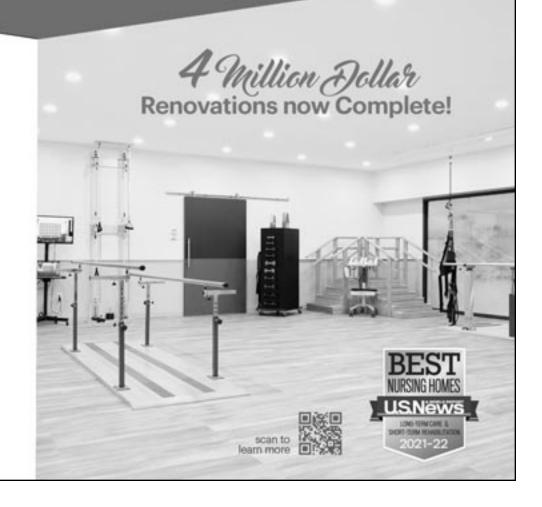
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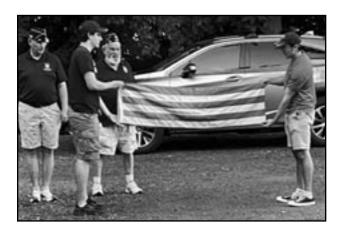
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### "MY ACHES AND PAINS HAVE MOSTLY GONE AWAY, AND I DEFINITELY HAVE MORE ENERGY"



David: The pandemic negatively impacted how dedicated I was to working out and the type of food I ate. When I joined the challenge I increased my workout routine to at least 5 days per week. Now I feel great. My aches and pains have mostly gone away and I definitely have more energy during the work day.

### "I STARTED TO FEEL IMPROVEMENT AS QUICKLY AS 1-2 WEEKS INTO JOINING"



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Kristy: Before GFP I had never been to the gym before, but the trainers helped me learn how to work out effectively. I started working out six days a week, and I really saw results. Those results kept me motivated to continue coming back. GFP has given me my confidence back. I feel good in my body again.

#### "MY RESULTS INSPIRED ME TO KEEP GOING"



Cathy: My fitness routine had gone off track, and some of my old injuries had started to bother me. I missed working out regularly, but I was lacking direction and the right motivation to get restarted. The trainers helped me get back on track with both my fitness and nutrition. I soon started to see results, which inspired me to keep it going.

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## **HEAVY RAINS DO NOT DETER FAITH LUTHERAN**

#### Submitted by Larry Holt

In spite of heavy rains and winds on May 7, eight persons, seven members of Faith Lutheran in New Providence and a member of Osceola Presbyterian in Clark, met their obligation to Pedals for Progress, an organization which recycles bikes for persons in developing countries. The group had committed itself to repair used bikes in the Faith parking lot that day to be picked up in the afternoon by Pedals for Progress.

In the defiant weather, the group restored one hundred forty-eight bikes, which Pedals for

Progress has transported to rural areas of Belize \$1,465 toward the shipment of the bikes. Costs in Central America. The bikes were collected by, or delivered to, Faith during the prior months. The bikes came from a range of local towns, helped by the publicity in the Renna Media publications.

The bikes will provide adults with reliable transportation for commuting to work, transporting produce to market as well as accessing health care and other services. Steady employment is vital to the development and success of struggling communities.

Persons donating bikes generously contributed

of international shipping have become an increasing financial burden to Pedals for Progress.

Since 2002, Faith has been working with Pedals for Progress and has donated almost 2,500 bikes.

For the past seven years, Casey Walsh of Bridgewater has been the chairperson of Faith's Pedals for Progress Ministry.

The pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready. For more information visit famfaith.org or call the church office at 908-464-5177.



(above, l-r) Natalie Carovillano helped with the ministry. Her sister, Audrey, assisted with the bike repairs.



(above, l-r) Steve Rucker of Faith, Gary Michel of Pedals for Progress, Casey Walsh of Faith repair bikes in heavy rain and wind.



(above, l-r) Jason and Sophia Scott, Steve Carovillano, all of Faith; Liz Coffey-Dawe of Osceola Presbyterian in Clark restore bikes in heavy wind and rain.

## 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF FAITH LUTHERAN

Lutheran congregation was created in Summit, NJ and whose members adopted a constitution. Since many were Swedish immigrants, the members named their religious society, the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Salem Congregation.

The next year, the congregation constructed a church building on Morris Avenue in Summit. Regular church services began.

In 1957 in response to a need for a Lutheran Church in the New Providence-Berkeley Heights area, the Summit congregation, whose facilities required expansion, moved to its current location, 524 South Street, New Providence. The congregation officially changed its name to Faith Lutheran Church Evangelical Providence.

On Sunday, June 12, 2022, Faith Lutheran Church of New Providence began the celebration of the 125th year of its founding. The day commenced with a festival worship service at 11 a.m. It was conducted by Rev. Jane McCready, pastor of Faith, and Rev. Robert Kriesat, Rev. Markus Vaga, pastoral associates of Faith.

Rev. McCready offered the sermon, entitled, "Hopes and Dreams." Holy Communion was served.

Enhancing the special service was the music,

The sanctuary choir sang. A piano duet with Faith member, Nancy Coleman, played. Guest instrumentalists and organist, Mr. Velloso, played prior to and during the service. The congregants, regardless of their vaccination status, wore masks as a visible sign of love for neighbor.

Subsequent to the service, a luncheon was held

1897 was the year that the current Faith led by Shea Velloso, Faith's minister of music. in Faith's Educational Center, Franklin Nelson Hall. Socializing and reminiscing were thoroughly enjoyed by the guests. Games were available to the children.

June 12, 2022 was only the first of subsequent occasions on which Faith will be commemorating its 125th anniversary.

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#### Borough of New Providence

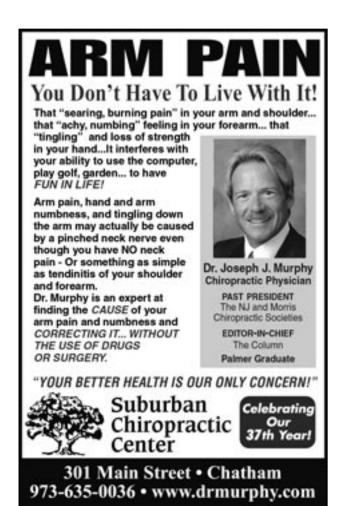
The borough will be sponsoring a fantastic fireworks show on Sunday, July 3. The fireworks will be launched near South Street beginning at 9:30 p.m. and should be visible from most locations within the borough, so grab your lawn chair and settle into your favorite viewing spot around town. July 3rd fireworks have been a longstanding tradition in town and Mayor & Council wanted to bring them to the borough again after a two year hiatus due to COVID.

## **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, CONCERT, FIREWORKS CELEBRATION - AUG 2ND**

Held on the first Tuesday in August (Aug. 2nd), National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships neighborhood camaraderie. First responders including police, firefighters, and EMS display their equipment and interact with the community. This is an opportunity for the entire family to meet not only the people who serve and protect them, but also the local businesses and organizations that help our town thrive.

The evening culminates with a great fireworks display!

This highly anticipated and well attended event also features: An outdoor concert by the Elefante Family Band and the NJ Jazz Academy, fun activities for kids, free giveaways and games from local businesses, free hot dogs from Prestige Diner, free ice cream from Zita's Homemade Ice Cream.



## **BE KIND TO YOUR MIND**

#### Borough of New Providence

New Providence cares about Mental Wellness IF YOU NEED HELP. and put together a new "Mental Health Advocacy and Education Committee" spearheaded by Council President Nadine Geoffroy and Councilwoman Lisa McKnight with the goal of reducing the stigma of mental health, promoting understanding through education, advocacy, raising awareness and connecting people to resources to provide hope and help.

Lawn signs promoting mental health awareness are available for \$20/each. Please email Council President Nadine Geoffroy at ngeoffroy@newprov.org. The committee also partnered with New Providence High School and handed out green ribbons to students. The downtown borough poles were also decorated with green ribbons in recognition of Mental Health Awareness. Be Kind to Your Mind.

## **RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE,**

- Call 866-202-HELP (4357) for free & anonymous emotional support 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Available 24 hours 800-273-8255.
- Crisis text line 741741.

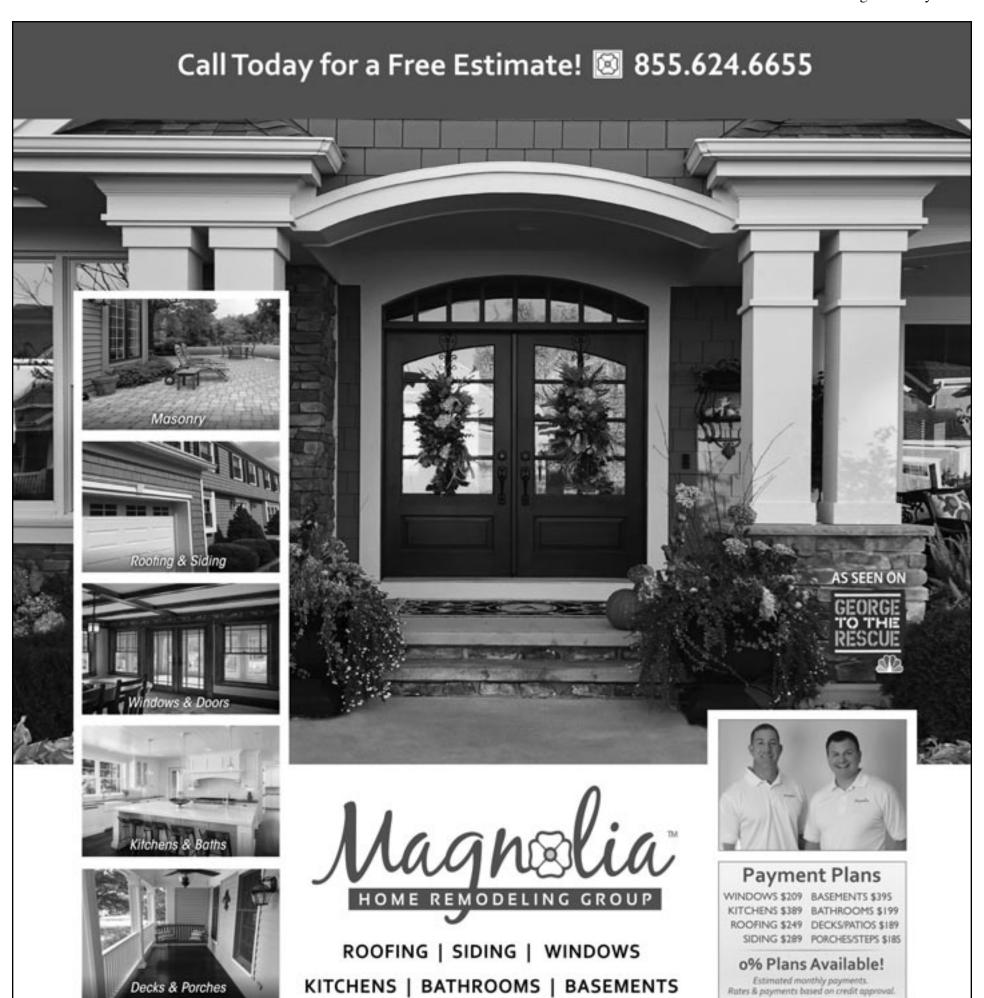
On July 16th, 988 will become the national dialing code for people experiencing a mental health crisis. By dialing 9-8-8, you can be connected to suicide prevention and health crisis counselors 24/7. To learn more about the 988 system in NJ, please watch this presentation created by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services:

youtube.com/watch?v=ZuKhq-VPVjU.

Veterans are invited to a bi-monthly, veteranrun peer support and discussion group, Warriors Welcome. This group is no-cost, confidential and a judgment-free zone. They meet every 1st and 3rd Friday: bit.ly/WarriorsWelcomeNJ.



(above l-r) New Providence Councilwoman Lisa McKnight, Council President Nadine Geoffroy, Councilwoman Diane Bilicska, and Mayor Al Morgan



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(above, l-r) Ashley S. Kim and Shyyanna Higgs

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(above) Matthew Joseph Eberle

## STUDENT WORKERS GIVEN SCHOLARSHIPS AND LIFE EXPERIENCES

Lantern Hill

For high school seniors approaching graduation, these last few weeks are a time of reflection—to commemorate academic achievements and appreciate the value of relationships formed with teachers, coaches, friends, and mentors.

For student workers at Lantern Hill, an Erickson Senior Living community in New Providence, N.J., it also represents a chance to be recognized for their hard work and set up for success through four-year scholarships, funded by generous donations from community residents.

At an award ceremony on June 7, three student workers were granted scholarships through the Student Scholarship Program at Lantern Hill. Matthew Joseph Eberle, Shyyanna Higgs, and Ashley S. Kim, members of the Dining Services Department, were awarded \$4,000 scholarships from the community to support their pursuit of higher education.

"Thank you to the generous residents of Lantern Hill for supporting our scholarship program for our hard-working and dedicated students. I would also like to thank our Resident Scholarship Committee for working hard on this initiative," said Manager of Resident Services Carla Brady. "The relationships that blossom between our student servers and the residents are heart-warming. Laughs, stories, and smiles are

exchanged all the time."

Eberle, graduating from New Providence High School, will attend Sacred Heart University or the University of Scranton in the fall to pursue a major in marketing. In his application essay, he described how a resident who shared her stories and knowledge had a powerful influence on his life. "She was a role model for me and made me excited to come to work. Knowing her made me a better person and more caring of others."

Higgs, graduating from New Providence High School, will attend Raritan Valley Community College in the fall to pursue a major in Business and Cosmetology. She wrote in her application essay, "A big reason why I enjoy going to work at Lantern Hill is that the residents are so joyful and supportive, especially when it comes to school."

Kim, graduating from Union County Vocational Technical High School and majoring in Psychology in the Pre-Health track, will attend New York University in the Fall. Ashley wrote in her application essay, "I love going to work at Lantern Hill because it has helped me with my communication skills. My goal is to become a doctor, and communication is a very important part of that career path."

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## THE 2022 CONCERT DATES ARE:

- Thursday, July 14 Asbury Fever Band
  - Thursday, July 21 Kinderhook
    - Thursday, July 28 Kootz

The three concerts will be held on Thursday evenings 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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## **CELEBRATION OF LIFE UNITES THOUSANDS OF ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION SUPPORTERS**

NJ Sharing Network

On June 5, thousands of organ and tissue transplant recipients, donor families, living donors and dedicated volunteers participated in NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life Walk and USATF Certified Race in New Providence, NJ. The 5K Celebration of Life, which was sponsored by Pfizer, is the largest fundraising event to support organ and tissue donation and transplantation in the United States.

Participants honored those who gave the gift of organ and/or tissue, paid tribute to those who have received a transplant, offered hope to those currently waiting for a transplant, and remembered those who passed away while waiting for the gift of life. Funds raised by 5K Celebration of Life participants, teams, sponsors, and contributors support the Sharing Network Foundation. Thus far, nearly \$1.3 million has been raised for this year's campaign. Campaign contributions can be made until the end of August by visiting SharingNetworkFoundation.org/5K.

"We were thrilled to come together with our community and safely reconnect in person to share stories and love, tears, and laughter. It was a healing and uplifting experience for those whose lives have been touched by organ and tissue donation and transplantation," said Elisse E. Glennon, Executive Director, Sharing Network Foundation.

According to United Network for Organ

Sharing (UNOS), there are over 100,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a life-saving transplant. One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.

#### **ABOUT NJ SHARING NETWORK**

Currently celebrating its 35th anniversary, NJ Sharing Network is the federally designated nonprofit organization responsible for recovering donated organs and tissue in the Garden State. Last year, 233 generous individuals in New Jersey gave the gift of life, an all-time high for a single year. In addition, 42,112 eye and tissue donations healed and enhanced the quality of life for those in need. With headquarters in New Providence, NJ, the organization has been recognized by NJBIZ as one of the state's "Best Places to Work" for four consecutive years.

#### **ABOUT THE SHARING NETWORK FOUNDATION**

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(above) Thousands of organ and tissue transplant recipients, donor families, living donors and dedicated volunteers participated in NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life Walk and USATF Certified Race.









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