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WILLIAM PACA CLUB HOSTS FAMILY PICNIC

The William Paca Club of New Providence hosted a family picnic for members and friends on the grounds of their Clubhouse located at 1 William Paca Place in New Providence. The William Paca Club is a local social and civil club originally formed during the Great Depression by a group of New Providence residents to help local residents in need. Today the members support the community through various memberships, volunteering, donations, and annual scholarships for graduating high school seniors.

To learn more please visit WilliamPacaClub.com, email williampacaclub@gmail.com, or call 908-464-7258.



(above) It was smiles all around at the Paca Club Family Picnic



(above) Paca Club President Matt Sommo gets some help setting up.



(above) The Paca Club Annual Bocce Tournament.







(above) Paca Club Members and Friends at the Paca Club Family Picnic

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(above) New Providence 2022 Pioneer Football team after their winning the Mayor's Trophy for New Providence against rivals Governor Livingston in the season Kick-Off Game

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DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION RAISES \$31,600

The Drive for Autism Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual golf event. Drive for Autism XXI, was a tremendous success. Drive for Autism XXI was held on September 19, 2022. 126 golfers had a great day of golf and with their generosity, we are happy to report raising \$31,600.

The Drive for Autism Golf Outing, which has been held since 2002, has raised and distributed over \$818,000 to local school programs. Previous beneficiaries of grants have been Morris Union Jointure Commission (New Providence, NJ), Union County Educational School Foundation/Crossroads Services (Westfield, NJ), Educational Partnership for Instructing Children, Paramus, NJ, Eden II/Genesis Programs (Staten Island, NY), Spectrum360 formerly The Children's Institute (Verona, NJ), ECLC(Chatham, NJ) and Seton Foundation for Learning, Mother Francesca Elementary School (Staten Island, N.Y), and the New Providence School District.

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 Drive for Autism Foundation would like to thank all participants, donors, sponsors and volunteers for making our twentieth event a successful one. If you would like to make a donation to our cause you can go to birdease.com/DriveforAutismXXI.

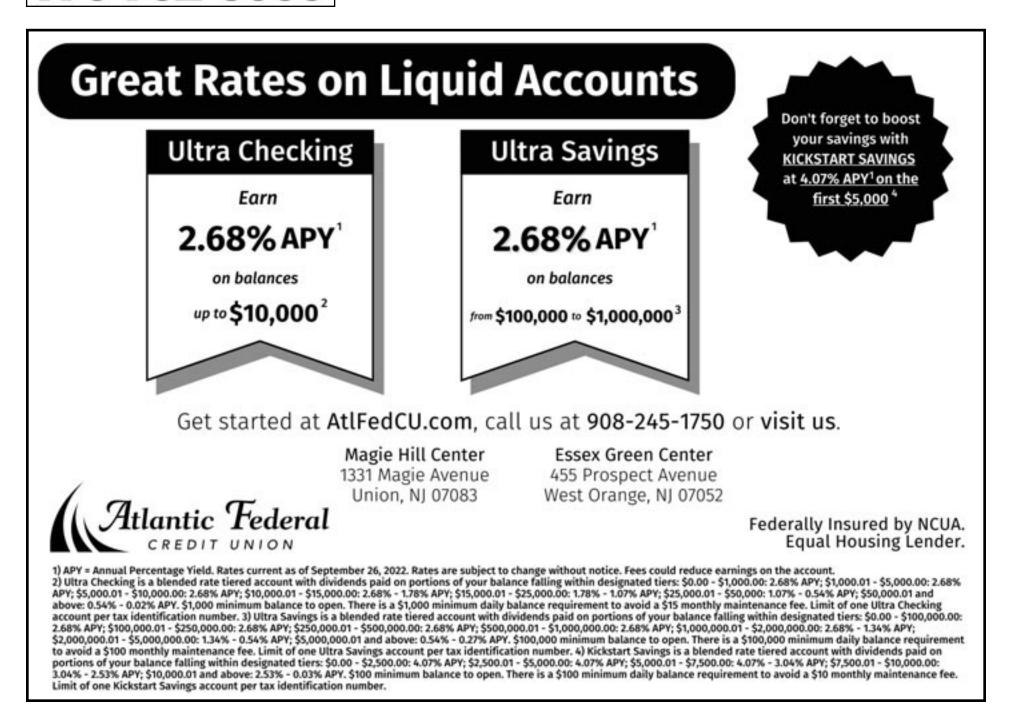
ABOUT DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION:

Based in New Providence, New Jersey, The Drive for Autism Foundation, is a 501(3)(c) taxexempt public charity that was created in the spring of 2002 for the sole purpose of raising and distributing funds for educational facilities specializing in individuals with autism.

For more information contact driveforautism@comcast.net or driveforautism.org

DRIVE FOR AUTISM GOLF OUTING 2023

The Drive for Autism XXII is scheduled for Monday, September 18, 2023, at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, New Jersey. The event consists of a morning round of golf followed by a barbecue. 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 DriveForAutism.org or email driveforautism@comcast.net



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(above) Rev. Jane McCready, pastor of Faith, is pictured with some of the 200 backpacks. Courtesy photo

200 BACKPACKS DONATED TO CHILDREN IN NEED

For the fourteenth consecutive year, Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence has given backpacks with school supplies to children whose families cannot afford them.

During the summer Faith's members and friends bought 200 backpacks and added school supplies to them. In each backpack were a six-pack of pens, a six-pack of #2 pencils, a twelve-crayon box, one package of lined notepaper, one package of construction paper, a twelve-inch ruler, a miniature pencil sharpener, a pair of scissors, a glue stick, a toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste.

The backpacks were given to three organizations which distributed them to the Providence, or its website at famfaith.org. parents of the children. The organizations were Reach by phone at 908-464-5177.

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St. Stephan's Grace Community, a welcoming and multicultural Lutheran church in the Ironbound District of Newark; Plainfield Action Services, a community action agency, which provides services to low-income families; and Family Promise-Union County, an agency that provides housing and support for families that are temporarily without homes of their own.

The leader of Faith's backpack ministry is Don Treich, a long-time member of the church and a resident of Berkeley Heights.

The pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready. Visit the church at 524 South Street, New



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(above) The New Providence Historical Society's cemetery tours will return on October 15 at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. for Union County's Four Centuries Weekend.



CEMETERY TOURS AT THE NEW PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

hosting cemetery tours at the New Providence Presbyterian Church. The summer tours have concluded but will return on October 15 at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. for Union County's Four Centuries Weekend.

John Sponauer, New Providence Historical Society member, researcher, and tour guide educates attendees on the difference between a cemetery and a graveyard, shares many interesting and intriguing historical facts and cemetery folklore, and shows the final resting places of some of the New Providence founding families and Revolutionaries.

Tours are limited to 20 persons. The tours are approximately 30-45 minutes. To reserve your spot please send an email to NPcemeterytours@gmail.com. Indicate the date/time you wish to attend along with the size of your party. You will receive a confirmation email. You must email to reserve your spot. Please Note: Footing may be uneven in some areas, so suitable footwear is recommended.

Although Cemetery Tours will be back on October 15, 2022 (1 and 2 p.m.), in the meantime all are welcome to visit the Salt Box Museum (located at 1350 Springfield Avenue, near the center of New Providence) on the first Sunday of each month between 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. or by

The New Providence Historical Society is appointment by calling 908-665-1034; and the Mason Room Historical Archives (located at the back of the New Providence Memorial Library at 377 Elkwood Avenue) on Tuesdays 10 a.m. -Noon, the second Saturday of the month 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., and by appointment by calling 908-665-1034.

> The Mason Room is the Historical Society's environment-controlled archive of historical records pertaining to New Providence. This facility holds an extensive collection of historic photographs, maps, newspapers, official minutes, audio tapes, and other records. The public is welcome to conduct research and inquiries here. Society volunteers are eager to assist you. New volunteers are always welcome.

> The Mason Room has copies of the book, Images of America, New Providence, available for purchase for \$21.99 each. Local historians Joan Gonczlik and Jane Coddington explore times gone by through text and pictures, portraying the development and progress in schools, housing, businesses, churches, sports, and transportation. No New Providence resident should be without a copy.

> For more information about the New Providence Historical Society or to donate please visit newprovidencehistorical.com or call 908-665-1034.



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SUMI-E GROUP ART ON DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the New Providence Memorial Library present the artwork of the Sumi-e Group of New Jersey in the library's gallery spaces, from October 3 through November 30, 2022.

The Sumi-e Group of New Jersey has been in existence for over two decades and consists of practitioners, lovers and enthusiasts of the art of Chinese and Japanese brush painting.

Sumi-e or Brush Painting is essentially ink and watercolor on rice paper using traditional Chinese or Japanese brushes. The artist takes advantage of the flexibility in the traditional brush and the absorbency of the rice paper to create its special aesthetics. It emphasizes lines and brush strokes' qualities, such as tones and flow, and values simplicity and white spaces in the composition. This show represents mostly work done during the pandemic. It will feature flowers, birds, and landscape compositions. The Sumi-e Group hopes to bring about a feeling of peace and calm during this unusual time.

An ancillary show of small artwork will be in the glass cabinet in the library. This will include fans, both paper and silk, and glazed ceramic tiles, decorated in the Sumi-e technique.

The Friends of the New Providence Memorial Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to raise awareness and funds, as well as advocate for, the New Providence Memorial Library. The Friends curate the art spaces in the library, and we encourage area artists and crafters to inquire about exhibiting their work at npmlcurator@gmail.com, or to fill out our online application form.

The Friends also organize monthly free music concerts, support the library's Museum Pass program, purchase movie licenses, and fund special events and programming for all ages. Our 16th Annual Craft Fair takes place on October 1.

If you would like to join the Friends as we support our borough's vital cultural institution, please email us at

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(above) Flowers by Mindy Kardan Courtesy photo





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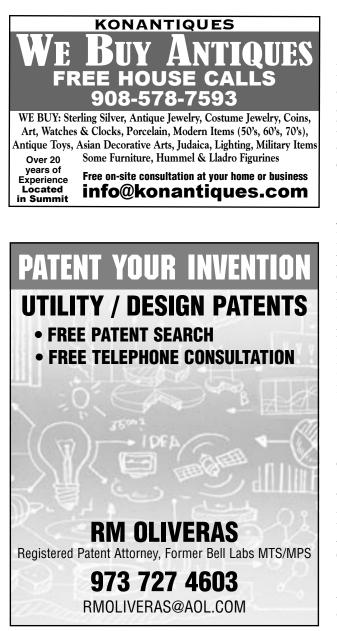
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MATT DAMARESKI THANKS LIONS CLUB

It was an honor to receive the Judge Frank Pizzi Memorial Scholarship. I strive to maintain a commitment to leadership, good citizenship, academics, and community service. I am truly honored to receive this prestigious scholarship, and I will continue to put forth my best effort to display these qualities for the rest of my life.

After I graduate from New Providence High School, I will be attending The College of New Jersey and majoring in Mechanical Engineering. I enjoy the hands-on aspect that engineering provides, and I am excited to further my education in that field. I am looking forward to moving on to a new chapter in my life and I feel like The College of New Jersey is a great fit for me after I graduate high school. Currently, I am interested in computers and robotics, and I am looking to pursue opportunities that reflect these interests in the future.

Thank you again,

Matt Demareski

The New Providence Lions Club is a 501(c)3 organization, giving back to the community 100% of the profits raised. Organizations that benefit from our annual support include NP Recreation Dept., Fire Dept., Community Service Assoc., EMS Rescue Squad, Senior Citizens Center, PBA, NPHS Scholarships, NP Historical Society, Health Fair, NP Public Library, Drive for Autism, Soup Kitchen 411, Bonds of Courage and many more!

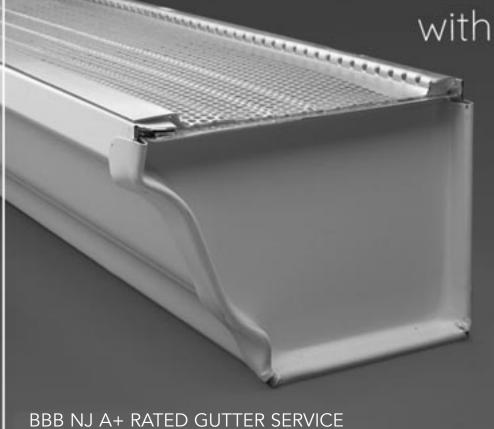
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(above) Matt Demareski, receipient of the Judge Frank Pizzi Memorial Scholarship

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Math Club (Teens)

Starting October 2, Sundays 3:15-4:15p.m. Join the NP Math Club and hone your problemsolving skills and have opportunities to join math competitions. Run by NP Teens, open to students in 6-12th grades.

NP Chess Club (Kids, Teens & Adults) starting September 19

October 10, 17, 24 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. Learn to play chess from the NP Chess Club! Weekly play every Monday night from 5:30-7:30 in the Coddington Room. Instructional

Lectures & Strategy on October 3, 17; November 7, 28; December 5, 19 from 4:30-5:30 in the Conti Room. Open to kids, teens and adults. Register at least 1 day in advance online

through NP Chess Club, npchessclub.org. The American Revolution in One Hour (Adults) October 6 at 7 p.m.

Joel Farkas takes those in a hurry through the founding of our country; from 1754, the French Revolution and the War of 1812. Don't forget your sneakers! To register, call or email.

Fit4Kids with Muscle Man Mike presents The Healthiest Show on Earth! (Kids Ages 2-8)

October 10 at 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. It's Super Hero Magic, and you are the Heroes! Muscle Man Mike creates a laugh-out-loud fun and highly interactive show. Conti Room.

To register, please email.

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

October 10 at 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. You're invited to discuss teams, players and issues of the sport with other baseball enthusiasts.

Monthly Movie (Adults)

October 11 at 1 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. "American Underdog" will be screened in the Conti Family Room. In this inspirational true story, Kurt Warner goes from stocking shelves at a supermarket to Hall of Fame quarterback. This PG film was released in 2021.

First-Aid Training for the Zombie Apocalypse! (Teens)

October 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Learn First-Aid Survival Skills. This month's Zombie apocalypse program will teach how to survive everything from zombie attacks to accidents to heart attacks! Open to teens in grades 6-12. Email to register.

Hindi Conversation Group (Adults)

October 12 at 10 a.m. This is not a class, but a conversation group moderated by a library staff member. To sign

up, email or call. **Book Group (Adults)**

October 13 at 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The book group will discuss "Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive" by Stephanie Land. A journalist describes the years she worked in low-paying domestic work under wealthy employers, contrasting the privileges of the upper-middle class to the realities of the overworked laborers supporting them. Copies available to check out one month beforehand at the front desk.

Hickory Tree Chorus (All Ages)

October 16 at 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. Your favorite songs performed in four-part harmony by the award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus. This women's a cappella group sings Broadway, Beatles, and old-fashioned love

songs in the barbershop style.

Book Group (Adults)

October 18 at 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The book group will discuss "The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah. In 1934 in Texas, millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Copies will be available to check out at the front desk one month beforehand.

Diwali Craft (Teens)

October 18 at 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to create a Diwali craft that will add light to your bedroom or any room of your house at any time of year. Registration required as supplies are limited.

Email to register. Knit/Crochet Night (Adults)

October 20 at 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Drop by the Conti Room with a crochet or knitting project, and chat with the group! No registration required. To sign up for an email reminder, please call the library or email.

Sewing Machine Workshop (Adults & Teens)

October 22 at 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. Make your own pincushion while learning how to use a sewing machine in this workshop. Sewing machines will be provided. Registration

is required, as spots are limited. YA Author Talk (All Ages 11+)

October 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Come to the library to meet three YA authors as they talk about their books, their process and answer questions from readers. YA literature is a growing collection, read by just as many

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Cookbook Club (Adults)

October 25 at 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.-Choose a recipe or cookbook from a list of suggested cookbooks to talk about with the group, or bring in one of your own recipes or cookbooks! If you're feeling inspired, make your dish and bring it with you. To join, stop by the reference desk or email.

Daria's World of Music (Kids ages 3 and up)

October 29 at 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Play instruments from around the world as Folksinger Daria sings and plays guitar during this highly interactive musical experience.

We'll be celebrating Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) so be sure to wear your Hallowe'en costume! To register, please email.

Little Monster's Halloween Bop (Kids O-Pre-K)

October 31 at 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Dress your little ones in their Halloween best! In the Conti Room, we'll listen to a Halloween story, have a parade and trick or treat around the

library. To register, please email. STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY:

In-person Storytimes are held outside when weather permits. In case of rain, morning outdoor storytime will be inside the library's Coddington Room.

Tuesday Evening Virtual Bedtime Stories with Miss Debbie

All Ages at 7:00 p.m. Starting in October, tune in to YouTube for this program. Email to receive the link via email for the virtual program.

Mother Goose Group with Miss Debbie

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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IMAGINE WELCOMES NEW VOLUNTEERS

The staff at Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss was so pleased to be able to offer our first in-person volunteer training since 2020 at our Mountainside Center this summer! Pictured are the participants in our 2022 Imagine Summer Training Class, who have joined our wonderful community of volunteers facilitating grief support groups for children, teens, young adults and their parents/guardians. Our new volunteers participated in a three-day training program that prepared them to be present for the children and families that participate at Imagine, gave them tools to help support those in their family and community who are grieving, and provided an opportunity for them to receive support for losses they've experienced themselves.

Another big milestone is coming up for

Imagine! Our grief support groups will be returning to the city of Newark through a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Newark (BCGN).

This is an experience like none other; the experiential nature of the training will prepare you to facilitate support groups in a way that a lecture-style training could never do. Previously trained volunteers have said this training is "lifechanging" and "inspiring," and we hope you can be a part of it!

If you're interested in making a difference in the lives of grieving families and would like to participate in Imagine's volunteer facilitator training, please visit our website at imaginenj.org/become-grief-support-facilitator. If you have questions, please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100.



(above, top row, l-r) Debbie Berez, Mountainside; Stacey Glickstein, Scotch Plains; Vernita Bostick, Belleville, Carrie Greenberg, Springfield; Sonia Nunez, Imagine's Newark Program Manager; Joan Castellano, West Orange; Abigail Priece, Imagine's Interim Program Manager and John Hutchinson, Glen Ridge; (middle row, l-r) Deborah Ojeda, Imagine's Graduate Intern, Dan Vorhaus, Summit; (bottom row, l-r) Diane H. Tracey, Jersey City; Gen Belfiglio, Union; Anna Fishman, Short Hills; Gregory D. Edgell, Nutley; and Zakeeyah Harris, Newark.

CRAFTER'S WANTED

The Ladies Auxiliary of the William Pace Club of New Providence will be holding their annual Craft Fair on Sunday, November 6, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Interested vendors, please contact us as by emailing ladiespaca1@gmail.com or calling 908-898-1516 to leave a message. Reserve your table/tables at \$40 per table now as space is limited and filling up quickly.

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It is an honor to have been chosen as a recipient of the New Providence Lions Club Scholarship. This scholarship is not only greatly appreciated, but also very meaningful knowing the wonderful organization that has awarded it.

I am very fortunate to have grown up in New Providence and attend NPHS. I have worked hard and am proud of my academic achievements. I have also thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to participate in activities outside the classroom such as playing on the NPHS varsity soccer and lacrosse teams. Most of all, I treasure the memories of fun times with the many lifelong friends that I have made.

I have decided to attend Rutgers University. For many years, I have wanted to attend this fine institution located right here in New Jersey. I am very familiar with Rutgers as my father is an alumnus and I have enjoyed attending games and events over the years.

I am currently undecided about my major in college. It will likely be either Marketing or becoming a History teacher, as I love History.

Giving back and serving the community I

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know is a big part of what the Lions Club is all about. This is also important to me and something that I enjoy and look forward to doing more of in the future.

Sincerely,

Brooke DeSarno

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(above) Brooke DeSarno, recipient of the Judge Frank Pizzi Memorial Scholarship.

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