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ENJOY A SCANDINAVIAN SHOPPING SPREE

After a 3 year delay because of the pandemic, Lodge Linne #429 VOA will once again be sponsoring their annual Import Sale on Saturday, November 19, 2022. The 42nd annual Scandinavian Import and Gift Sale will be held at Salt Brook School, 40 Maple St, New Providence, NJ (off Springfield Ave.). The sale will be open to the public between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and is handicapped accessible. Admission is free.

The sale will feature a variety of traditional holiday and everyday Scandinavian items made from silver, amber, wood, paper, wool, straw, and other materials. These gift and handicraft items are either manufactured in one of the Nordic countries or are designed in a Scandinavian style or motif and manufactured elsewhere.

Many of the traditional Scandinavian decorating items will be offered, including a large variety of elf-like tomten, Jul Bock or straw goats in many sizes, and many Christmas ornaments. Among paper items for sale will be a wide selection of advent calendars, including those filled with chocolate candy, Carl Larsson calendars, Christmas cards, and stationary. An assortment of table linens will be available including runner fabric by the yard for both Christmas and everyday use. For the home one will find trays, baking needs, aprons, knives, Danish wrought iron candleholders, and wooden candleholders for Christmas and general use. Personal items will include lovely sweaters from Dale of Norway for men and women in both cardigan and pullover styles. The jewelry department is selling necklaces, earrings, and pins.

We will be selling a large variety of Scandinavian baked goods, such as limpa bread, coffee braids, and pastries. Imported foods that will be sold are cheeses such as authentic Farmer's cheese, several types of herring, lingonberries, cloudberry, and various chocolates and marzipan. Scandinavian pastries will be served throughout the day. Drawings for door prizes will be held frequently during the day.

The location of the sale is easily reached by



(above) After a 3 year Covid hiatus, Lodge Linne is once again sponsoring their 42 annual Scandinavian Import & Gift sale at Salt Brook School in New Providence, NJ. The sale will be held Saturday November 19th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Karen Jenshoej, Carol Germansky, Patty Seip and Judy Campbell, all from New Providence will be selling these straw goats plus many other traditional Christmas and holiday decorations.

taking either route 24 to Summit or route 78 to New Providence. Springfield Avenue is also known as route 512. The school is also a 5-minute walk from the New Providence Railroad Station on the Summit/Gladstone line from New York City.

Lodge Linne #429 Vasa Order of America is a non-profit organization originally for individuals of Scandinavian descent. However, now membership has been opened up to people who are interested in Nordic heritage and culture. For further information about membership contact Vibeke (908-646-0425) or Judy (908-464-0139). The lodge meets on the third Friday of the month at Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South St., in New Providence.

Proceeds from the Import Sale benefit many organizations and charities such as First Aid Squads, Summit Speech School, Sage, Bling Foundation, a New Providence High School scholarship, and annually we sponsor a New Providence girls softball team.

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HOLIDAY BOOK SALE – SAT., DEC. 3

Get into the holiday spirit with a visit to the holiday book sale fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main Street, Chatham, on Saturday, December 3. There will be a large selection of beautiful children's and adult "giftable" books with holiday themes, best sellers, DVDs, puzzles and games for all ages. You

are sure to find just the right thing for the people on your list. Masks are optional and it would be helpful if customers brought their own bags.

The sale is made possible by the Friends of the Library of the Chathams and the many generous donations from the Chatham community. Come, shop and join in the fun!

FAITH LUTHERAN DONATES 73 WINTER COATS TO MARKET STREET MISSION

For the twenty-second consecutive year, Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence has collected gently used winter coats and donated them to Market Street Mission in Morristown, who helps homeless and impoverished persons. This year, Faith contributed seventy-three coats.

The Mission's annual coat give-away will be held on Saturday, November 5th on the Morristown Green, staff members will distribute the coats to needy men, women and children. Over the past thirty years, the Market Street Mission through this program has been able to give coats to persons experiencing poverty in the Morristown community and surrounding areas.

Sally Reier, Ministry Associate of Faith, coordinated the collection for the church.

Rev. Jane McCready is the pastor of Faith, which is at 524 South Street in New Providence. For more information visit famfaith.org or call 908-464-5177.



(above) A sample of the seventy-three coats given to Market Street Mission.

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SCOUTING FOR FOOD IS BACK WITH 41ST ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Non-perishable items, gift cards, and financial donations welcome

New Providence's Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are beyond excited to host their 41st annual Scouting for Food drive. Scouts will once again return to the traditional Scouting for Food format of picking up non-perishable items from New Providence residences on Saturday, November 19. In addition, people can send in donations via Venmo or mail grocery gift cards.

The Scouts (Boy Scout Troops 1 and 63 and Cub Scout Packs 263, 363, and 99) are happy to go back to the pre-pandemic way of collecting the many thousands of dollars worth of food that are donated by New Providence's generous citizens. They will go house-to-house, neighborhood-by-neighborhood to collect food, which is then sorted and distributed from Faith Lutheran Church. The food collected goes in part to families supported by The Community Service Association of New Providence and to the Star Fish Food Pantry.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN SCOUTING FOR FOOD 2022:

New Providence residents can place non-perishable food items on their front porches on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 by 8:00 a.m. The Scouts will collect the food bags from 9am-2pm that day. Please note, the Scouts will NOT be delivering paper bags to all homes this year.


Venmo a donation to @Scouting4Food. Money collected will be used to purchase food for NP

neighbors in need and the Star Fish food pantry. This allows the CSA and food pantry to purchase exactly what is needed.

Mail a grocery store gift card to: The Community Service Association of New Providence, 360 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974.

New Providence's Boy and Cub Scouts thank the community once again for its ongoing generosity and for helping neighbors in this

unique way during another challenging year. As we emerge from the shadow of the pandemic, many still face financial hardships and struggle with inflation and job loss. There are many local families/individuals in need in New Providence and beyond. Please contact the Community Service Association of New Providence at (908) 665-8254 for more information or if you are in need of its assistance or would like to get involved. csanewprovidence.org



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New Providence's Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are once again participating in the annual Scouting for Food drive. Scouts are partnering with the Community Service Association of New Providence and Star Fish Food Pantry to assist families in need.

THREE WAYS TO DONATE:

- ➔ New Providence residents can place non-perishable food items on their front porches on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 by 8:00 a.m. The Scouts will collect food bags or boxes all morning from homes in New Providence.
- ➔ Venmo a donation to @Scouting4Food so exact items needed may be purchased. Please include "Scouting for Food" in subject line.
- ➔ Mail a grocery store gift card to Community Service Association of New Providence, 360 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974.

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APPLE PIE “BAKE-OFF” WINNER ANNOUNCED

Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) once again hosted another Sunday Funday at the Summit Farmers Market on October 9. These events are always popular with customers at the Market as they show off the talent of many local amateur bakers like those who participated this time in the Apple Pie “Bake-off”.



Courtesy photo

(above) Kylie Freeman won first in Farmers Market Apple Pie contest. The winning recipe can be found on the Summit Downtown, Inc.

Coming in first place was Kylie Freeman, a 14-year-old resident of New Providence who frequents the Summit Farmers Market and is a sophomore theatre major at APA. The judges had a hard time choosing between what they described as all really delicious entries. The first-place recipe can be found on the SDI website.

Summit Downtown, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the ongoing development and promotion of the business community in downtown Summit, NJ.

Apple Pie Recipe

By: Kylie Freeman Papple

Papple Pie Crust Ingredients: 1 cup of butter, 2 ½ cup flour, 1 tablespoon sugar, 6 tablespoon ice water, 1 tablespoon salt

Cut butter into ½ in cubes, then mix all dry ingredients (including sugar) in a large bowl. Add in cubed butter and Squish with fingers until there

is a texture of grainy sand, then add in ice water 1 tablespoon at a time until dough just sticks together when pinched. Roll dough into a ball and chill before using.

Papple Pie Filling Ingredients: 3 large granny smith apples, 2 Bartlett pears, 1 heaping teaspoon of cinnamon, 1/8 teaspoon of nutmeg, zest and juice of one lemon, ½ cup of brown sugar, +1/2 cup white sugar

Wash and peel apples and pears, then slice them into ½ inch slices. Put in large bowl and add lemon (juice & zest), the 2 sugars, nutmeg, and cinnamon.

Cut pie crust in 2 and roll both out, put one in pie tin, and cut the other into long strips. Poke holes in bottom of pie crust and cover with a layer of brown sugar. Put filling in and cover with lattice, then bake for 55 minutes at 400 degrees.

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Celebrate the holiday season when the Shining Stars take the stage for their 2022 “Christmas Spectacular” set for Friday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. The show will take place on the main stage at the historic Union County Arts Center in Rahway as this talented cast sings and dances to many of your holiday favorites.

With many cast members from all over Union County and beyond, Shining Stars Network has been producing live programming for the special needs community for ten years.

This year’s Christmas Spectacular marks the return of the Shining Stars to one of the most beautiful theaters in New Jersey and will feature 35 special needs cast members and their volunteer buddies from local high schools, who serve as mentors to the cast during rehearsals.

Two previous Shining Stars shows at UCPAC drew more than 1,000 audience members for each performance, and already, the buzz is building in the community.

“We’re so excited to ring in the holiday season,” noted Shining Stars Network co-founder and President Mike Curci. “Our stars are ready to share their smiles, energy and amazing talents with everyone. This will be a great way to cap off our 10th anniversary celebration.”

“We strongly believe in creating an inclusive environment for our cast, and our buddies are an integral part of the Shining Stars experience,” noted Shining Stars co-founder and director Sally Curci. “We are so excited to bring a new show to the stage and cannot wait to connect with our incredible audience again to celebrate the holiday

season.”

Shining Stars Network is wrapping up a big year, which included their annual “Evening of Shining Stars” Spring Show, Summer Performing Arts Workshop, and their successful Paper Mill Playhouse debut performing in front of a sold-out audience at the Paper Mill Brook Side Cabaret.

“Shining Stars Network is not only about performing, but more importantly we’re about building self-confidence and self-esteem,” said Shining Stars co-director Nicole Greene. “Our cast members are not only talented, but inspire us every day, and we are all very excited about taking the stage again to share another magical night with the audience.”

Tickets are on sale now at UCPAC.org. For groups of 10 or more, email shiningstarsnetwork@gmail.com.

The night will also feature a Tricky Tray and 50/50 raffle. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

Shining Stars Network is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization based in Cranford, N.J. that offers opportunities in the performing arts for the special needs community.

Plans for the 2023 season include their 2nd “Reach for the Stars” Gale, set for March 14 at the elegant Park Chateau Estate & Gardens in East Brunswick.

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For the 56th consecutive year, the Santa Claus Shop will open its doors to area families to provide complementary holiday shopping. The Shop serves more than 400 low-income families and senior citizens from Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and other local communities.

This year's Santa Claus Shop will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Avenue in Summit. Families will be offered shopping hours by invitation only during the first week of December.

The Santa Claus Shop is chaired by Summit residents Sarah Fitzsimmons, Kristen Goldman, Kiera Mathey and Katie Mucci and co-chaired by Elizabeth Somerlot, Katie Orr, Alison MacMillan and Michelle Kalmanson. The Santa Claus Shop exists solely on donations and volunteers. With

the monetary donations from area residents, local organizations and businesses, the Santa Claus Shop can purchase the gifts that allow less fortunate neighbors to experience the joy of holiday giving without financial burden.

To keep the holiday spirit alive for local residents in need, the Santa Claus Shop chairwomen ask for members of the community to consider giving. Checks can be made payable to SHIP, with Santa Claus Shop noted on the check's memo line, and mailed to the Santa Claus Shop, P.O. Box 119, Summit, NJ 07901. The ability to make an online donation is also available at summitsantaclausshop.com.

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(above) The Santa Claus Shop will open for its 56th year this December. The Shop serves more than 400 low-income families and senior citizens from Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and other local communities.

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17TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK

The New Providence Memorial Library spent the week of October 16 celebrating its Friends of the Library group as part of the 17th annual celebration of National Friends of Libraries Week.

The Friends of the New Providence Memorial Library was formally established as a non-profit organization in 1986 and has raised programming and capital funds for the library every year since then. New Providence community members contribute annually to the Friends each year through monetary donations and volunteer time.

"The library has always played such an important role in my life and in my family's life," said Friends President Sangeeta Prasad Benbow. "I am happy to be able to give something back –

and being an active member of this group is both rewarding and fun!"

Other officers of the organization are Beth Spiegel, Asst. President, Membership Chair and Art Curator; Alex Klapwald, Treasurer; Marissa Klapwald, Fundraising; Donna Zane, Social Media; Louise Wheeler, Lead Art Curator; Lynn Celler and Denise Moser, Art Curators; Helene Langezaal, At-Large Board member; and Craft Fair Chair Karen Golubieski.

Celebration activities included the 16th annual Craft Fair, the unveiling of the newly-renovated children's area dollhouse and brand new dollhouse "homeowners" with a miniature ribbon-cutting ceremony by our Mayor Al Morgan, a free music concert by the nationally-touring Hickory Tree Chorus Women's Acapella group, and a Sumi-e Group of New Jersey Art installation and Artists' Reception. Sumi-e, or brush painting, is ink and watercolor on rice paper using traditional Chinese or Japanese brushes, emphasizing tones and flow, and valuing simplicity and white spaces in the composition. Fans and ceramic tiles decorated with this technique are in the display cabinet.

This art evokes a feeling of calmness and serenity.

"Our library would be very different without the Friends," said library director Lisa Florio. "The funds they raise provide much of our programming and activities. I think most patrons would be surprised to learn how many of the services and programs they enjoy are supported by the Friends."

Please contact the library at 908-665-0311 or visit our website at newprovidencelibrary.org to learn more about activities and to find out how to become a member of the Friends. We welcome new volunteers! Stop by the library to get books (of course!) and watch a movie, get a museum pass, attend a concert, or see the latest artwork. Our programming includes arts & crafts events and projects, author events, book clubs, computer language courses, and the yearly Craft Fair – all of which are supported or sponsored by the Friends!

National Friends of Libraries Week is coordinated by United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association with approximately 4,000 personal and group members representing hundreds of thousands of library supporters. United for Libraries supports those who govern, promote, advocate, and fundraise for libraries, and brings together library trustees, advocates, friends, and foundations into a partnership that creates a powerful force for libraries in the 21st century. For more information, visit ala.org/united.

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 organize free music concerts, support the library's Museum Pass program, purchase movie licenses, and fund special events and programming for all ages. The Friends curate the art spaces in the library, and we encourage area artists and crafters to inquire about exhibiting their work at npmclcurator@gmail.com, or to fill out our online application form.



(above) Pictured is the newly renovated dollhouse by our Art Curators, Lynn, Beth, and Louise.



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All month in November - Gift Wrapping Supplies Donations

If you have extra gift wrapping supplies at home, please drop them off at the library. We will have it out in our meeting room for the community to use as a free wrapping station, away from little eyes at home!

Crafternoon

November 5, 19 at 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Come by the Coddington Room and use the materials and instructions that have been left out on the tables. This program is made possible by the Friends of the NPML.

Documentary: "Women of the White Buffalo" (Adults)

November 5 at 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

The Diversity Committee of New Providence co-sponsors this free screening of "Women of the White Buffalo" for Native American Heritage Month. In return for free screening rights, the filmmakers ask for support for nonprofits operating on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations where the film was shot. See womenofthewhitebuffalo.com/ourcause.

Knit/Crochet Night (Adults)

November 7 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.

NP Chess Club (Kids, Teens & Adults)

Nov 7, 14, 21, 28 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 starting Sept 19. Instructional Lectures & Strategy on September 19, October 3, 17, November 7, 28, December 5, 19 from 4:30-5:30 in the Conti Room. Open to kids, teens and adults ages X and up. Register at least 1 day in advance online through NP Chess Club. npchessclub.org

Monthly Movie (Adults)

November 8 at 1 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.

"Where the Crawdads Sing," a coming-of-age story set in North Carolina in the 1950s.

Book Group (Adults)

November 10 at 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

The book group will discuss "The Cold Millions" by Jess Walter, a portrait of class divisions and familial bonds. Copies will be available to check out at the front desk one month beforehand.

Lil Al Dinosaur presented by Pearl Observatory (Ages 3-8)

November 10 at 10:30-11:15

Junior Paleontologists (you!) will help assemble a life-sized baby Allosaurus, bone by bone!

Also, touch a real dinosaur egg and a real dinosaur tooth! This program is made possible by the Friends of the New Providence Memorial Library. To register, please email NPMLChildrens@gmail.com. Register early!

Banjo Rascals (All Ages)

November 13 at 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Banjo Rascals always provide a fun filled family show. This concert is part of the annual concert series sponsored by the Friends of the New Providence Memorial Library.

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

November 14 at 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

You're invited to discuss teams, players and issues of the sport with other baseball enthusiasts. This group welcomes all ages of fans. Join the group at reference desk or email the library at rsvp@newprovidencelibrary.org.

Book Group (Adults)

November 15 at 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The book group will discuss "Klara and the Sun" by Kazuo Ishiguro. Copies will be available to check out at the front desk one month beforehand.

Scholarships, Grants & Loans Webinar (Teens & Parents)

November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

College cost-reduction strategies and reveal little-known asset, borrowing and savings methods. Register for this FREE college finance workshop by My College Planning Team by emailing: NPMLTeens@gmail.com.

Knit/Crochet Night (Adults)

November 17 at 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Drop by the Conti Room with a crochet or knitting project, and chat with the group!

Raptor Trust (All Ages)

November 19 at 11:00 a.m.

Meet a live raptor and learn about wild birds and the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned birds from The Raptor Trust.

MRE Prep & Tasting (Teens)

November 22 at 5:00 p.m.

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Read to a Dog (1st - 4th graders)

November 1, 29 at 6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Union's Got Talent has been a major community success and, this year, we have gone county-wide.

Our contestants this year either live, work or attend school in Union County. We have 20 contestants from various towns in Union County.

The show, on November 19, 2022, will be

hosted by Kean University and will take place at Kean's Enlow Recital Hall.

Tickets are available only online at unionsgottalent.org. Tickets will not be available at the venue. Enlow Hall is a small theater with only 300 available seats. We advise that patrons buy their tickets early.

This year, UHSPAC and the DMK Scholarship Fund will be partnering with the Township of Union's Cultural Arts Committee with sponsorship by Investors Bank, Union's Special Improvement District and BCB Bank to present UGT on Saturday, November 19, 2022.

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