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COMMUNITY CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023

National Night Out, a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, was held on Tuesday, August 1st at New Providence High School. The free event featured food, drinks, and entertainment including a concert by the Elefante Family Band and the NJ Jazz Academy, games, facepainting, and a fireworks display grand finale.

National Night Out culminates annually on the first Tuesday in August. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. For more information visit natw.org.

(More photos on pages 24 & 25.)

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UNITING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ACTS OF KINDNESS AND POSITIVITY

Junior League of Summit (JLS), a leading women's organization dedicated to making a positive impact in our communities, is thrilled to announce the celebration of the inaugural "Find the Good Day" on September 14th, 2023. This special day of unity and compassion aims to spread kindness, uplift others, and inspire positive change across Summit, Chatham, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and the surrounding area.

"Find the Good Day" is an opportunity for individuals, families, and organizations to come together as changemakers and create a ripple effect of positivity throughout our community. It is a day to reflect on the goodness within ourselves and find inspiration in the acts of kindness we've witnessed and participated in throughout the year.

JLS invites everyone to join in the festivities and make a difference on this significant day. Whether it's through acts of service, volunteer initiatives, or simply spreading positivity through kind gestures, every contribution has the power to create lasting change.

"As we approach 'Find the Good Day,' we are reminded of the profound impact we can have when we unite with hope and optimism," said Samantha Sheridan, Find the Good Day Chair. "Together, we can create a brighter, kinder world, one act of goodness at a time."

In the spirit of celebration, JLS encourages

participants to take photos and share them on social media. Tag Junior League of Summit and use the hashtags #FindTheGoodDay to be featured on our platforms. Let's highlight the dedication, passion, and hard work that goes into spreading kindness and positivity.

Find the Good Day serves as a reminder that acts of goodness can happen every day, and together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of many. Join us on September 14, 2023 and let's ignite a chain of positivity that echoes far beyond this special day.

We invite everyone to stop by The Junior League of Summit Thrift Shop located at 37 DeForest Avenue in Summit, on Sunday, September 10, 2023 between 10am – 12pm (right across from the Farmer's Market) to learn more and pick-up free stickers and coloring pages!

For more information about JLS and "Find the Good Day," please visit <https://summit.jl.org/>. If you'd like to become a member and help us prepare for this day, please email communicationsvp@jlsummit.org.



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CAR DONATIONS HELP VETERANS

Submitted by Michael Boll, Director
New Jersey Veterans Network

The New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) has received countless donations and other awesome support from Renna Media News readers. We are extremely fortunate to have so many readers that love helping our veterans live a better way of life. To date articles in Renna Media publications have resulted in 4 car donations. Veteran “Sarge” is the most recent recipient of a car donation after the donor read an article in a March publication. We are blessed to have such a generous following, donations like this will help our veterans get to work, and their medical appointments.

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(above) Diane R. recently donated a car to the NJVN. She handed the keys over to “Sarge”.

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month in September, Imagine will be offering a free community webinar on Grief in the Latinx Community on September 21st from 7 - 8:30 p.m. There will be two webinars held simultaneously with one being presented in English and the other in Spanish.

- Those who attend the webinar will be able to:
- Gain awareness of intersectionality and grief as it applies to the Latinx Community
 - Learn traditional cultural values within the Latinx Community
 - Identify different types of grief and loss that pertain to the Latinx Community

Registration for the English speaking webinar is available through Imagine’s website at

imagineenj.org.

Those interested in attending the Spanish speaking webinar do not need to register and can contact Sonia Nunez at sonia@imagineenj.org for more information. Imagine’s staff hope to see you at the upcoming webinar!

Imagine is a 501c3 nonprofit that offers free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and guardians of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. Imagine also offers grief and loss education and training to the community. For more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imagineenj.org.



Looking to Make an Impact? Supporting Higher Education is a Life-Changing Investment.

The path to higher education should be free from obstacles and wide enough for all who wish to travel it.



We are in the midst of a great national debate on access to higher education and its cost. Is it fair that many people are saddled with student debt they may never be able to repay? Should the government step in to create affordable access to higher education or forgive loans for millions of graduates? Should employers absorb more of the responsibility for educating their future workforce? While we work toward answers to these questions, one fact is undeniable: Education is the great equalizer.

At Kean University, we see this to a much greater extent than many other institutions in America. Kean serves a significant number of low-income students and those who are the first in their families to attend college. In fact, U.S. News and World Report ranked Kean 46th out of 439 in Top Performers for Social Mobility among national universities. That means we help those who come from disadvantaged backgrounds succeed and graduate. Our students find success regardless of their backgrounds. Each one of them deserves the opportunity Kean offers to improve their own lives and the lives of their families.

The path to higher education should be free from obstacles and wide enough for all who wish to travel it. Without solving the problems of cost and access, it’s possible we could live in a country without a robust and diverse higher education sector. Can we really envision the prospect of an America without teaching, research, inventiveness, and social mobility for which American higher education is synonymous?

At the same time, institutions of higher education need to have multiple paths to fund the cost of educating future generations. Education costs money, and we need a full and diverse set of funding resources. Government, private sector support, and individual philanthropic giving are all part of the solution to the challenges students and families face around access and cost of securing a college degree.

Kean University is not unique in that we receive funding from private philanthropy. Over the last five years, more than 9,000 individual donors contributed over \$22,200,000 in support of Kean University. What these donors may not know is that their charitable investments in higher education are not merely a gift to an institution—they are a game changer for future leaders who are pursuing a college degree to level the playing field, to pursue dreams, and to overcome challenges that life has placed in front of them.

As CEO of the Kean University Foundation, I see firsthand the impact higher education has upon those who pursue it. We can all make a difference. America’s charities show why even small financial gifts can be part of having a big impact. Time, energy, and talents have tremendous value.

Philanthropy is resilient and, during hard times, Americans respond in extraordinary ways. During the great recession, for instance, the S&P declined by roughly 40%. Over that same time, philanthropic giving dropped by only 7%. When there is a need, and people have the capacity to help, they respond generously.

Every gift — large and small — empowers our colleges and universities to further leverage their impact across the country and around the world. Each and every donor, volunteer, and advocate makes an influential difference in strengthening educational leadership, advancing research initiatives, shaping policy decisions, and helping students (regardless of their economic backgrounds). One of our wonderful students at Kean says it best:

“To my parents who never gave up on me, thank you for instilling in me the importance of education. Obtaining this scholarship was the highlight of my college education. This scholarship was able to assist us financially especially after moving due to unforeseen circumstances and having to pay medical bills for my mom’s surgery. It was hard and not thinking about having to pay out of pocket for school was such a reliever. So, I thank everyone who helped me to achieve this huge accomplishment. You have no idea how much it helped.”

— Michelle Gomez
Recipient of the Uma Dharapuram Scholarship for Women’s Studies

I would be remiss if I did not mention that acts of charity are also an investment in ourselves. Philanthropy can be life-changing for the donor(s). Arthur C. Brooks, one of the country’s leading policy experts and the president of the American Enterprise Institute, reminds us that “it is a fact that givers are happier people than non-givers.”

Of course, philanthropy is about so much more than financial resources. Independent Sector reminds us that volunteers are critical assets to civil society and all of our communities, especially in light of COVID-19. In its newest Value of Volunteer Time report, Independent Sector, with the Do Good Institute, announced that the value of a volunteer hour is now estimated to be \$31.80—a six percent (6.2%) increase compared to 2021. Estimated from data collected in 2022, the figure illustrates the valuable and significant contributions volunteers make every day to support our communities and nation. At Kean University, Board members, committee members, and community volunteers contribute in so many ways.

In many respects, our charitable actions are simply reminding us what makes us human: taking care of each other and doing it as a group to create a bigger impact. By making a philanthropic gift to a college or university—whether it be your time, talent, treasure, or willingness to introduce new friends to an institution, you are positively changing lives.

It has been said that philanthropy is an act of optimism. The act is an investment in a student, a member of the faculty, a vision, an organization. Philanthropy can help fortify the American higher education system by continuing to provide opportunities to our students, who will ultimately do the same for the next generation or create a better world for all of us.

Sincerely,
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ROCKTOBERFEST ADDS LOW SENSORY ZONE AND EXPANDS KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Micole Cohen Richter

The Millburn Education Foundation, in collaboration with Caring Kids, is proud to announce the latest addition to Rocktoberfest: the Rose Garden Low Sensory Zone. Serving as the event's fourth stage and activity center, this oasis within Millburn's Taylor Park offers a sanctuary for those seeking respite from the bustling crowds and high-energy stages. It promises a soothing and intimate experience in a stunning natural setting.

The Rose Garden Low Sensory Zone provides a haven for visitors with its low-sensory, acoustic music, engaging crafts, and calming fidget toys. Open to the public from 11 am to 3 pm, this area aims to create an inclusive environment where individuals of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy Rocktoberfest without the sensory overload typically associated with large events.

"We envision the Low Sensory Zone as a way to participate in Rocktoberfest's festivities without experiencing loud noise and the large crowd that can be overwhelming for various groups of people," says Rocktoberfest co-chair Joanna Parker-Lentz, "which is why we consulted on the development of the zone with Millburn community organization Caring Kids. "We know that there are plenty of people who will benefit from this addition to the event," adds co-chair Micole Cohen Richter, "everyone from kids with special needs to seniors to anyone who prefers a quieter performance."

At the heart of Rocktoberfest, right by the front entrance of the Bauer Center, you'll discover the One River School of Art & Design's annual art contest as well as numerous art activities. Open to aspiring artists aged 3 through high school seniors, this contest invites participants to upload their original artwork for a chance to win a FREE month of class! Sign up via this link.

Within the ever-popular Kids Zone, attendees

can enjoy perennial favorites like the trackless train, Mega Obstacle Course, Sesame Street Play Park, balloon animals, water gun trailer, and much more. New for 2023, the thrilling Tilt-a-Whirl promises to add an extra dimension of excitement.



In addition to these exciting offerings, Rocktoberfest boasts live music on four stages, a bustling fitness zone with classes running from 9 am to 2 pm, a diverse selection of food vendors, an artisan village, and a vibrant beer garden offering a wide array of beverages, including beer, wine, and the famous Stella Artois frites truck. Families can also partake in entertaining games for all ages.

Rocktoberfest 2023 is made possible through the support of generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers, and the enthusiastic participation of the Millburn community. We are grateful to this year's presenting sponsor, Stella Artois, Nirvana sponsors Coldwell Banker Realty and the Millburn Deli, Lady Gaga Sponsor Luxe Life Group, and our many other sponsors. The event serves as a testament to the power of music to bring people together and create lasting memories.

For more information about Rocktoberfest 2023 and to stay updated on event details, please visit Rocktoberfest's official website.

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The Summit Old Guard was founded in Summit in 1930 and meets every Tuesday at the New Providence Presbyterian Church located at 1307 Springfield Ave. Our motto is "Come for the Programs. Stay for the Friends." September speakers include heavyweight boxer Gerry Cooney, Journalist and author Mark Di Ionno, John Staunton EMT and Trustee of the Summit First Aid Squad, and a timely presentation by two local experts on the history of the rapidly approaching World Series. Please join us. Our programs are free to the public, and we welcome you!

On Tuesday, September 5th, Mark Di Ionno Pulitzer Prize finalist writer of the Star-Ledger will speak about his several humanitarian relief trips to Ukraine, his travels there, and the people he met in Ukraine and in Poland. Di Ionno has also written on New Jersey's Revolutionary War trails and history.

On September 12th, John Staunton will speak about his 38 years with the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, as an EMT and as trustee.

Staunton will also explain the role of EMS services, how 9-1-1 works, and the 61-year history of the Summit Squad.

September 19th, Gerry Cooney will step into the ring. A member of the New Jersey Hall of Fame, many will recall his match with Larry Holmes in 1982. A boxer from 1977 to 1990 Gerry's record was 28 - 3, with 24 wins by a knockout. In 2019 he wrote "Gentleman Gerry: A Contender in the Ring, a Champion in Recovery."

Finally, just in time for the first pitch of the World Series, John Cronin and John Nolan will speak September 26, 2023 on the "Fall Classic," contested since 1903. Both of these local baseball fans and experts will share their incredible knowledge and expertise.

Past speakers and much much more can be viewed at <https://SummitOldGuard.org> but we encourage people to drop in on our meetings which take place at the church at 10:00 AM every Tuesday. "Come for the Speakers. Stay for the Friends." We look forward to meeting you.



(above) Mark Di Ionno, (above) John Staunton, Gerry Cooney, John Cronin and John Nolan

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NEW PROVIDENCE BOOK FESTIVAL – SEPT. 23

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, New Jersey authors will sign books and talk to visitors at the New Providence Book Festival. Located on the grounds of the historic Salt Box Museum, the festival will include a series of presentations by authors.

At 10 a.m., during the children’s story hour, Nadja Springer, Sue Steinhardt, and Selene Castrovilla will read from their children’s books, *The Big Adventures of a Little Tree*, *This is Tap: Savion Glover Finds His Funk*, and *ImperfectPhil is a Friend*.

At 11 a.m., historical mystery novelist Mally Becker will make her presentation, “Bringing the Past to Life One Spy, Mystery and Murder at a Time.”

At 12:00 Noon, novelist Elissa Matthews will speak on “Three Kinds of Historical Fiction – Which One Calls to You?”

At 1 p.m., Susen Edwards will speak on “Writing Your Own Memoir”

At 2 p.m., J.R. Bale will talk about “Turning the Voices in My Head into Novels”

All these authors will be available for book signing. Other authors signing their books include Linda Barth, Michelle Cameron, Michael Stephen Daigle, Steven Farkas, Sarajane Giere, Tom Kranz, Nev March, Linda Raedisch, Eileen Harrison Sanchez, Kal Uddin, and others.

“We wanted to expand this event which



connects authors with readers in a very personal way,” explains J.R. Bale, author and one of the organizers of the event. “With over 17 authors of writing in various genres, it will be a stimulating event for even the most casual book lover.”

Anyone purchasing a book at the festival will be entitled to receive a free raffle ticket for drawings for a gift basket, which will include a Barnes & Noble gift card.

The festival will be held on the grounds of the Salt Box Museum at 1350 Springfield Avenue from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The rain date is September 30, 2023. The Salt Box Museum, the site of the festival, is operated by the New Providence Historical Society and will be open for tours, free of charge. Refreshments will be available on the grounds.

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But that's not how it went. Joe Montana had to hire a quarterback coach to help his son be a better football player. Here's possibly the greatest NFL QB of all time, needing to hire someone else to help his son. It was not that Joe Montana was not equipped for the job...it was that his son needed a second voice to help him get to the next level.

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.

Parents have told us that having us (the Grit Athlete Performance Coaches) as a second voice to help reinforce the habits they want for their kids...is changing the game.

Further...Our Grit Athlete Founder has over 20 years experience with training athletes himself...and certainly knows a LOT more about getting stronger and faster than the average parent...But has all 3 of his children (9, 8 and 6) enrolled in Grit year round...because he knows the power of that second voice.

And after they come through our program, parents tell how it's turbocharging their parenting. Here are some real-life examples that have been reported...

Before, parents struggled with getting kids to eat vegetables...now their kids are asking for more.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to get enough sleep...now their kids are getting to bed earlier on their own.

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 bed each morning on their own because they learned that making their bed

in the morning helps them have a better day.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to do even one good push-up...now they catch them in their room practicing on their own.

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.

Right in your backyard, there's a team of great coaches waiting to be second voices for your kids...so that all the things you're teaching as parents will be reinforced. But most importantly, the results you're after for your kids will actually become a reality. The Grit Athlete fall Sports Performance session runs September 5th until December 2nd in Berkeley Heights NJ, visit www.gritathletes.com to fill out an application for your child.

Grit Athlete Performance is a Sports Performance Training Company located in Berkeley Heights that helps kids ages 6-18 get strong, fast, and confident so they can have a bigger and better future. They have open registration for their fall program that starts on September 5th and runs til December 2nd.

Visit www.gritathletes.com to register for their fall session...or see below for more details...

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to help your child get faster, stronger,
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The Fall Program begins September 5th.

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Attention Parents of Kids Ages 6-18

UPDATE: THE GRIT ATHLETE PERFORMANCE FALL PROGRAM HAS OPENED REGISTRATION!

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We'll have your kid stronger, faster,
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Here's what parents can expect to happen:

- **They will get stronger** which means when they show up to their sport they'll be able to perform better than ever.
- **They will run faster and jump higher** so they can show up to their next season and people will start asking what the heck have they been doing.
- They'll become **more coordinated and improve agility** which means they'll pick up new skills their coaches teach them faster.
- **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.
- **Confidence will skyrocket.** When kids get stronger, faster and more fit...their confidence will rise...so will their self-esteem which means their performance in every aspect of life will get better.
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HAPPY PARENTS TALKING ABOUT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TRANSFORMATION OF THEIR KIDS...

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- Jen O'Brien, Grit Athlete Parent

- "My son is more disciplined and confident in himself"

- Steve Hughes, Grit Athlete Parent

- "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."

- Catherine Solfaro, Grit Athlete Parent

- We saw a noticeable difference in his throwing - he could throw it further and faster! The training definitely paid off!"

- Dara, GRIT Athlete Parent

GET MORE INFORMATION (STARTED SEPTEMBER 5TH)

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STEP 2

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STEP 3

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Warning: Our Fall season begins September 5th and we tend to sell out early. Please respond promptly so we can give you the best chance to grab a spot. Scan the QR Code and enter your information to find out more about the Fall Program.

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Teen Volunteer Training Sign-ups (7th-12th graders)

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Email NPMLTeens@gmail.com BY SEPT 19. Include your name, grade, email address, what volunteer opportunities you are interested in. Training dates are 9/21 & 9/28 4:30-6PM and 9/25 & 10/2 5:30-7PM.

Books & Bagels (Adults)

September 5 @ 10:30 AM - 12 PM

Join us for a free bagel from NP Bagel Cafe & tell us about what you've been reading and which books you've enjoyed recently.

Creative Writing Group (Adults)

September 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 10:30 AM

Phyllis Kalb will provide writing prompts and encouragement every other Thursday. Please bring pen and paper. Email to register.

"Life, Love, Family and Food" with Author Lidia Bastianich (Virtual)

September 7 @ 7 PM

Award-winning television host and bestselling author Lidia Bastianich talks about her memoir My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family, and Food. Register online at libraryc.org/newprovidencelibrary.

"Memoir of a White House Dog" with Author Barbara Guerriero-Flites (Adults, Teens)

September 7 @ 7 PM

Barbara Guerriero-Flites will present information she discovered about Franklin Delanor Roosevelt's dog Fala in the course of her research for her book, "The Memoir of a White House Dog," an account of Fala's experiences during World War II.

Board Games at the Brewery (Adults)

September 7 @ 7:30-9:30

Buy yourself a beer and play a board game in the back room at Untied Brewing! Email to register.

CRAFTERDAY (Children)

September 9, 23 @ 10 AM - 4 PM

Come by the Coddington Room and use the materials and instructions that have been left out on the tables. Take home what you create. While supplies last!

Eyes of the Wild (Kids and Families)

September 9 @ 2 PM - 3 PM

Eyes of the Wild will entertain and educate all ages with live exotic animals. Email to register.

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

September 11 @ 6:30 PM - 9 PM

Baseball enthusiasts are invited to discuss teams, players and issues of the sport with other baseball fans. Email to register.

Movie Matinee: "80 for Brady" (Adults)

September 12 @ 1 PM

"80 for Brady", a PG-13 comedy, will be screened in the Conti Room.

Teens Teaching: An Introduction to Topology (Children & Teens)

September 12 @ 5 PM- 6 PM

September's topic is topology, the study of space and shapes. Email to register.

The SAT & ACT are Going Digital (Teens)

September 12 @ 7 PM

Learn what you need to know about the new age of digital testing and how students can better prepare for standardized testing success.

Email to register.

Snap Circuit Jr. Club (Kids)

September 13 @ 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

The Snap Circuit Jr. Club is back for children 1st grade and up. Learn about electronics, science, technology and engineering.

Book Group "The Song of Achilles" (Adults)

September 14 @ 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

The book group will discuss "The Song of Achilles" by Madeline Miller.

Book Group: "The Promise" by Damon Galcot (Adults)

September 19 @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

The book group will discuss "The Promise" by Damon Galcot. Copies available to check out one month prior to the discussion.

Good Tyme String Band (Kids & All Ages)

September 20 @ 10:30 AM

Join this string band for some toe tapping fun. All music lovers welcomed!

Knit/Crochet Night (Adults & Teens)

September 21 @ 7 PM - 8:30 PM

Drop by the Conti Room with a crochet, knitting or any type of needlework project, and chat with this friendly group as you work.

Yoga & Mindfulness Class (Adults & Teens)

September 23 @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Kim Pallant will teach a yoga & mindfulness class for all levels. Beginners are welcome.

Email to register .

Bilingual Parent Workshop (Adults)

September 23 @ 2 PM - 3 PM

The Diversity Committee of New Providence will host a workshop for parents whose native language is not English on how to navigate the school system in New Providence.

Cookbook Club (Adults)

September 26 @ 1 PM

Bring a cookbook or a recipe that you like to share with the group, or even cook and bring the dish itself. This month's themes are apple recipes and cheese recipes. .

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

September 26 @ 6:35 PM - 8:05 PM

Practice your skills by reading to a therapy dog. Email to register your 15 minute slot.

Home Selling, Prep & Staging Workshop (Adults)

September 26 @ 7 PM

Sue Adler Realtors will demystify the home selling process. Register at sueadler.com/hsw

Lego Club (Kids)

September 27 @ 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Lego Club is back and will meet usually on the 4th Wednesday of each month!

"On Writing Three International Bestsellers" with Author Amor Towles (Virtual)

September 27 @ 8 PM

Register online at

<https://libraryc.org/newprovidencelibrary>.

Sign up for October Teen Take Out Boxes (Teen)

September 28 @ 3:00 PM

Use our Google form to sign up for the October box which will be ready for pick up on October 26. <https://forms.gle/zv8cxtbRZCysPSXF7>

Knitting Workshop (3th grade - teen)

September 28 @ 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Learn to knit from seasoned knitters. Bring your own needles and yarn. Space is limited and registration is required. Email to register:

Medicare Basics: the A, B, D's of Medicare (Adults)

September 28 @ 7 PM - 8:30 PM

This program, is intended for those approaching Medicare eligibility within the next 5-10 years. Email to register.

Spanish Storytime (toddlers - preschoolers)

September 29 @ 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

A special interactive storytime with songs and crafts in Spanish and English to celebrate Spanish Heritage Month. Coddington Room.

Email: NPMLChildrens@gmail.com

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Math Club (Kids & Teens)

September 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 3:45-4:45PM

Run by NP Teens, open to students in 2-12th grades. Email to register.

SAT Math Help Club (Teens)

September 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 3 PM - 4:30 PM

Tutoring sessions for students who are looking for help with the math portion of the SAT.

NP Chess Club (Kids, Teens & Adults)

September 11, 18, 25 @ 4:30-7:30PM

Instructional Lectures & Strategy from 4:30-5:30 in the Conti Room, followed by play from 5:30-7:30. Register at least 1 day in advance at npchessclub.org

STORYTIME AND PLAY:

Tuesday Signs, Songs & Stories with Miss Cathy

@ 10:30 AM (preschool - K)

Featuring stories, interactive rhymes and movement with sign language!

Tuesday Open Play

@ 11:15 AM - 8:15 PM (closed from 4-5 pm)

Anytime Stories with Miss Debbie

@ 7:00 PM (all ages)

New stories posted every Tuesday at youtube.com/c/newprovlibrary. Questions?

Email NPMLChildrens@gmail.com

Wednesday Mother Goose Group with Miss Debbie

@ 10:30 AM (babies-preschool)

An active storytime with songs, fingerplays, dancing and fun for babies to preschool!

Wednesday Open Play

@ 11:15 AM - 1 PM

Thursday Storytime with Miss Anita

@ 10:30 AM (0 - 3 yr olds)

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22ND ANNUAL GOLF EVENT – SEPT. 18TH

DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION

The Drive for Autism Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual golf event, Drive for Autism XXII will be held at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, NJ on September 18, 2023.

The Drive for Autism Golf Outing which has been held since 2002 has raised and distributed over \$851,000 to local school programs. Previous beneficiaries of grants were Morris Union Jointure Commission (New Providence, NJ), Salt Brook School (New Providence, NJ), AW Roberts School (New Providence, NJ), Union County Educational Services Foundation/Crossroads School (Westfield, NJ), Educational Partnership for Instructing Children, Paramus, NJ, Eden II/Genesis Programs (Staten Island, NY), Spectrum360 formally The Children's Institute (Verona, NJ), ECLC (Chatham, NJ) and Seton Foundation for Learning (Staten Island, N.Y.).

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 golf event is the main fundraising function for the foundation. Single golfers and foursomes are welcome as well as, product donations and corporate sponsorships. To register online please go to birdease.com/DriveforAutismXXII

DRIVE FOR AUTISM GOLF OUTING 2023

The Drive for Autism XXII is scheduled for Monday Sept 18, 2023 at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, New Jersey. The event consists of a morning round of golf followed by a barbeque. Special events include golf contests, raffles and a silent auction of sports memorabilia, game tickets and golf trips.

To register or for additional information please visit www.birdease.com/DriveForAutismXXII, call 908-451-8033

or email driveforautism@comcast.net.

WHARTON ARTS AWARDED NEA GRANT

Wharton Arts is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit performing arts education center, announced recently that the organization has been approved for a \$25,000 Grants for Arts Projects award from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support the Paterson Music Project's Saturday Community Music Program. The free Saturday Program will welcome young musicians from any public school in Paterson to participate in a city-wide orchestra, smaller ensembles, and private lessons during the 2023-2024 school year. Wharton Arts' project is among 1,130 projects across the country, totaling more than \$31 million, that were selected during this second round of Grants for Arts Projects fiscal year 2023 funding.

On Wednesday, May 24, 2023, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) announced more than \$103 million in recommended grants in the second major grant announcement of fiscal year 2023. Organizations in all 50 states and U.S. jurisdictions will carry out arts projects in three NEA funding categories: Grants for Arts Projects, Our Town, and State and Regional Partnerships.

"The National Endowment for the Arts is pleased to support a wide range of projects, demonstrating the many ways the arts enrich our lives and contribute to healthy and thriving communities," said NEA Chair Maria Rosario Jackson, PhD. "These organizations play an important role in advancing the creative vitality of our nation and helping to ensure that all people can benefit from arts, culture, and design."

About the National Endowment for the Arts

Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Arts is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the Arts Endowment supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America's rich and diverse cultural

heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America. To learn more, visit arts.gov.

ABOUT WHARTON ARTS

Wharton Arts' mission is to offer accessible, high quality performing arts education that sparks personal growth and builds inclusive communities. Wharton Arts' vision is for a transformative performing arts education in an inclusive community to be accessible for everyone. Wharton Arts is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit community performing arts education center serving nearly 2,000 students through a range of classes and ensembles. The 5 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Chorus, an auditioned choral ensemble program for students in grades 3–12, encourage a love and appreciation of choral music while nurturing personal growth and creative development. The 15 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, which serve over 500 students in grades 3–12 by audition, inspire young people to achieve musical excellence through high-level ensemble training and performance opportunities. Based in Paterson, the Paterson Music Project is an El Sistema-inspired program of Wharton Arts that uses music education as a vehicle for social action by empowering and inspiring young people to achieve their full potential through the community experience of ensemble learning and playing. With the belief in the positive and unifying influence of music and that performing arts education should be accessible to all people regardless of their ability to pay, Wharton Arts offers need-based scholarships.

Wharton Arts is located in Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Paterson, NJ and reaches students from 12 counties. All of Wharton Arts' extraordinary teaching artists, faculty members, and conductors hold degrees in their teaching specialty and have been vetted and trained to enable our students to achieve their personal best.

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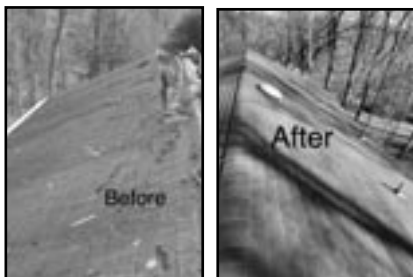


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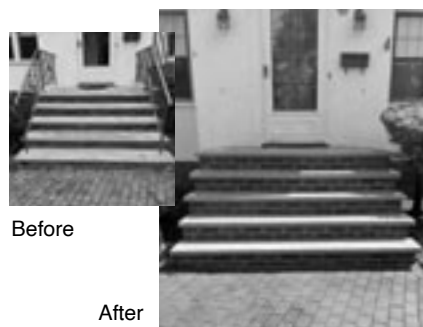


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LOCAL SUPPORT FOR DISADVANTAGED SCHOOLS IN GHANA

Submitted by Stacey Maisch

Vivianne Adadevor started coming to the New Providence Memorial Library about six years ago, when she discovered the AfterWords Bookstore in the basement of the library. After speaking with the bookstore volunteers and then-Library Director, Lisa Florio, Vivianne obtained permission to take any surplus books that the library could not use or sell.

Vivianne would pack up any books or learning materials that she could find, then ship them once per month to the Ohawu village in the Volta region of Ghana at her own personal expense.

Vivianne was brought up in Ghana and never saw a library or library books as a child. Her village had no electricity, so all village children were at an educational disadvantage. One day, Vivianne's uncle, who works at the United Nations, asked for donations to build a library in Ohawu. This prompted Vivianne to reach out to the New Providence Memorial Library, which began this six-year partnership.

After shipping truck loads of books, toys, and other materials to Ohawu, word spread and several villages began asking for books to help fill their schools. These donations give local teachers desperately needed materials, which

help students learn to read and write. Young children see pictures in books, which spark their imagination and instill a desire to learn and study. This partnership keeps surplus books from overflowing recycling centers and landfills, and encourages children to excel beyond farming.

To date, Vivianne's donations have filled libraries in over 20 village schools, orphanages, churches and libraries all across Ghana.

Most recently, Vivianne teamed up with the New Providence School District, which was donating free school furniture as a result of the 2022 bond referendum, which was passed to make capital improvements within the New Providence schools, including the purchase of new flexible furniture to benefit NPSD students. Vivianne arranged to have three 40-foot container trucks load whatever furniture the community did not come to claim first. Her July 2023 shipment included 2000 school desks, 1500 tables, 600 elementary school chairs, 50 teacher desks, and 1500 other pieces of cast-off school furniture.

Each 40-foot container cost between \$8,500-\$10,000 dollars to ship from New Jersey to Ghana. Each palette of donated books costs Vivianne \$800 to ship. Vivianne's tireless efforts prevent children from sitting on the floors in their

makeshift classrooms. Children are proud to carry a single student chair from one location to the next if it means they'll be able to read in a seated position, rather than lying on their bellies on the floor.

Vivianne is asking for help from the community in the form of donations to help alleviate the costs of her monthly shipments. She welcomes financial donations via her GoFundMe page, or donations of the following materials, which can be donated to Vivianne via New Providence Memorial Library:

- Baby diapers
- Sanitary pads
- Tooth brushes
- Toothpaste
- Rice
- Cooking oil
- Towels
- Clothing (baby, children's and adult sizes)
- Medicine (Tylenol, Motrin, Aleve-for malaria)
- Mosquito nets
- Bug sprays
- Breakfast foods
- Canned meats, fish
- Used laptops and phones
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper

If you can make a financial donation, these will be used to offset Vivianne's shipping costs to send these materials to Ghana.

GoFundMe page: gofund.me/755ccd1c

One woman's efforts have already filled over 20 libraries. Can you help Vivianne fill more?

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(above) Ghana school children enjoying donated library books.



(above) New Providence School District donated school furniture that was sent to Ghana.



(above) One of the three 40-foot container trucks filled with donated school furniture.

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This is Home for Good's largest adoption day of the year and is a blast for the whole family. This event is pet-friendly, so be sure to bring your beloved pup to join the fun! All Home for Good Dog alum are invited to reunite with their siblings and former foster families.

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Gates open 11 a.m. Activities commence at 12 noon and conclude at 5 p.m.

Pre-registered tickets are \$30 for adults & \$12 for children (12 and under). Pre-registration will close on Thursday, Sept. 7th at 6 p.m. Tickets at door: \$35/adult.

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SAVE THE DATE LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

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You may know the Library has a new Strategic Plan created with public input and designed to guide our Library forward over the next five years. The Friends of the New Providence Memorial Library promises to support this new growth for expanded programming. We want to keep our Library the unique, vibrant, cultural and educational community center we all love. Please help us as we discover, collaborate, and connect with our Library and our New Providence community. If you'd like to learn more about supporting the Friends, please visit our page on the library's home page: New Providence Memorial Library - Friends of the NPML newprovidencelibrary.org.

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 revolving 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.

Andrew Carnegie once said, "A library outranks any other thing a community can do to benefit its people." We agree!

2023 Officers of the Friends of the Library organization are Sangeeta Prasad Benbow, President; Beth Spiegel, Asst. President, Membership Chair and Art Curator; Joanne Brenckle, Treasurer; Kathryn Biber, Secretary; Donna Zane, Social Media; Louise Wheeler, Lead Art Curator; Lynn Celler, Denise Moser, and Joel Francisco, Art Curators; Kathy Martin, Music Coordinator; Helene Langezaal, Karan Marquis and Chris Standing, At-Large Board members; and Craft Fair Chair Karen Golubieski.

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