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ENJOY A SCANDINAVIAN SHOPPING SPREE

On Saturday, November 23, 2024, Lodge Linne #429 Vasa Order of America will sponsor a unique day of shopping, culture, and camaraderie. The 44th annual Scandinavian Import and Gift Sale will be held at Salt Brook School, located at 40 Maple St in New Providence, NJ (off Springfield Ave). The sale will be open to the public between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

The sale will feature a wide variety of traditional holiday and everyday Scandinavian items made from silver, pewter, 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, which are straw goats, in all sizes, painted Dala horses, 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 stationery. 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, a large variety of 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 has been expanded to include Norwegian silver solje, pewter and amber pieces designed as 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 include cheeses, such as authentic Farmers cheese, several types of herring and mackerel, lingonberries and cloudberry, and various chocolates and marzipan.



(above) Lynn Gaffney, Ellen Schneider, Kay Kaiser and Sherry Shen will be selling straw goats at the sale.

Courtesy photo

Lodge Linne #429 Vasa Order of America SCANDINAVIAN IMPORT AND GIFT SALE

Saturday, November 23, 2024 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

SALT BROOK SCHOOL

40 Maple St., New Providence, NJ (off Springfield Ave).

Coffee and Danish pastries will be served beginning at 10:00 a.m. followed by a light lunch of Scandinavian open-faced sandwiches and pastries starting at 11:00 a.m.

Proceeds from the Import Sale benefit many local organizations and charities such as First Aid Squads, Volunteer Fire Departments, local libraries, high school scholarships, Sage, Cherished Creations and Summit Speech School. A portion is also donated to the local Vasa Order to be used for Scandinavian cultural programs and scholarships.

Admission is free. Only cash and checks are accepted. The event is handicap accessible. For more information, call Karen 908-578-1945, Vibeke 908-464-0425 or Judy 908-464-0139.

Lodge Linne No. 429, Vasa Order of America, is a non-profit organization originally for individuals of Scandinavian descent. However, membership has now been opened up to also include people who are interested in Swedish and Nordic heritage and culture. For further information about membership contact: Vibeke (908-464-0425) or Judy (908-464-0139). The Lodge meets on the third Friday of each month at the Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South St., New Providence.

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As the holiday season approaches, Child Focus, the nonprofit child advocacy organization that runs Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Passaic and Union Counties, is thrilled to announce the launch of its annual Holiday Wish List Drive. This initiative aims to bring joy and personalized gifts to more than 400 children removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect, honoring their unique interests and wishes this holiday season. The holidays can be especially difficult for those involved in the child welfare system, and this drive seeks to ensure each child feels seen, valued, and celebrated.

Child Focus invites community members, organizations, and businesses to support the drive by purchasing items directly from its Amazon Wish List, donating gift cards to popular retailers such as Target, Amazon, Walmart, Macy's, Old Navy, and Sephora, or contacting Child Focus directly to learn what specific items are needed this year. All gifts must be new, unwrapped, and delivered to the Child Focus offices in Wayne or Elizabeth by Monday, December 9.

"The holiday wish list drive is always a bright spot in our programming, as our community comes together to make wishes come true for these children who have experienced so much turmoil in their young lives," stated Child Focus Executive Director, Erica Fischer-Kaslander. "It

is an important reminder that a small act of kindness can have an incredible impact in a young person's life. We are grateful for our community partners who have stepped up year after year, including those who have been willing to scour the internet and pound the pavement to locate some of those special gifts, injecting some much-needed holiday magic into the lives of these deserving children."

Child Focus thanks the community partners who continually step up to make wishes come true for hundreds of children in foster care.

For more information on the Holiday Wish List Drive, including a link to the Amazon Wish List, or to learn how you can become a CASA volunteer, please visit childfocusnj.org or call (973) 832-4002.

ABOUT CHILD FOCUS:

Child Focus prioritizes the needs and well-being of infants, children and teens impacted by, or at risk of, abuse or neglect by amplifying their voices and working toward lasting, permanent solutions that address their unique situations and provide support needed to thrive. This critical work is accomplished through three distinct but complementary programs: CASA of Passaic and Union Counties, NJ Safe Babies Court Team, and the Open Door Store. For more information about Child Focus, log on to www.childfocusnj.org.

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This day 101 years ago, commemorates the cessation of hostilities during WWI between Allied and German forces at "the Eleventh Hour on the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month" 1918. After four years of bitter fighting, the Great War was finally over. The Armistice was signed at 5am in a railway carriage in the forest of Compiegne, France on November 11, 1918. Six hours later at 11 a.m. the war ended.

This year we celebrate the 105th Anniversary of the American Legion chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as "the patriotic organization devoted to mutual helpfulness and social change for hundreds of benefits for our veterans and the important programs for our children and youth".

Doors at the DeCorso Center will open at 10:15 a.m., please be there before 10:45 a.m. so all are settled in for the events of the day. The American Legion Post #433 members will lead an inspiring short service promptly at 11:11

a.m. to remind us of that momentous occasion as we also honor our local Veterans lost during recent years.

This year's program will include Retired Lieutenant Colonel William H. Kale who will speak on the "Significance of Veteran's Day" and will introduce us to the "National Guard Militia Museum" in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. Bill Kale is a co-curator of the museum and served 22 years in the US Army as a field artillery officer and foreign area specialist.

Food provided by local restaurants and establishments will be served by the New Providence Lions Club. And there will be music by our local vocalists, Kathy Martin and Mary Damato, "The Cover Girls". A Musical Tribute with service anthems, songs of the 'American Song Book' as well as favorite songs of the 1940s through 1970s.

We hope that you will join us for this occasion to thank our veterans for their sacrifices for our country. Please share this invitation with any veterans or others who might wish to share the importance of this day with you. We want to thank them as well.

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New Providence High School PTSA proudly unveils its newly designed pathway, a tribute to the enduring spirit of NPHS students and alumni. This beautifully renovated walkway, now a centerpiece of the school's campus, features commemorative engraved bricks that honor generations of students, creating a lasting legacy of pride and connection within the community.

The pathway, stretching from the teachers lot to the main entrance, has been transformed into a vibrant tribute to the achievements and memories of those who have walked the halls of New Providence High School. Each engraved brick tells a story, celebrating individual contributions, milestones, and cherished moments ("NPHS Pride & Class", "Ice Hockey Champions", "Class of 2023!") The initiative aims to foster a sense of unity and pride among students, alumni, and their families, while providing a safe walkway that enhances the aesthetic appeal of the school's grounds.

"We are thrilled to introduce this new Pioneer Pathway, which started out as just an idea - and now not only beautifies our campus but also serves as a meaningful reminder of the incredible people who have been a part of our school's history," said NPHS PTSA past president Diane

Billicska Pereira; and current president Amy Lepre, "The engraved bricks provide a way for our community to leave a lasting mark and be remembered for generations to come."

The idea for the Pioneer pathway began as a fundraising idea for Project Graduation, and evolved into a collaborative effort involving the NPHS PTSA, administration, and numerous community members. The project was funded through brick purchases, PTSA fundraisers such as at the our signature Tricky Tray Fashion Show event, and generous donations.

The Pioneer Pathway would not have been possible without NPHS alum Mario Bardhoku (Class of '12) and his company Apex Landscape & Design. Mario and his team worked tirelessly to have our pathway open just in time for the start of school - 2024!

Going forward, the Pioneer Pathway will expand annually with brick purchases. Proceeds will help fund Project Graduation for graduating seniors. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in this special project by purchasing engraved bricks - on sale now! Each brick can be personalized with names, messages, or significant dates, creating a unique and personal touch. Purchase using QR link in our flier or by visiting givebutter.com/pathway25.

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Understanding American Politics through the Federalists
 Wednesday, Nov. 6, 10:00 AM.

Learn how James Madison's short essay written 237 years ago previews the state of American politics in the 21st century, what the framers of the Constitution got right and wrong, and where we go from here. Speaker: Bruce Peabody, Professor of Government & Politics, Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group
 Thursday, November 7, 10:30 AM.

This group provides families and caregivers with the emotional support and education they need to better understand Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

New! Historical Fiction Book Group
 Thursday, Nov. 7, 12:45 PM.

The group will discuss "The Lady of the Rivers" by Phillipa Gregory.

Dream Interpretation Lecture
 Wednesday, Nov. 13, 11:00 AM.

Ever wonder what your dreams mean? This lecture will cover the 5 fundamental steps to dream interpretation.

The History of PR & How it Influences Public Opinion
 Monday, Nov. 18, 11:00 AM.

This presentation will explore the birth, development and metamorphosis of PR and the lasting implications of its legacy on today's society, corporate and media worlds. Speaker: Chris Caldiero, Professor & Deputy Chair of Communication Studies, Fairleigh Dickinson University.

Virtual Art Tour: The Art Institute of Chicago
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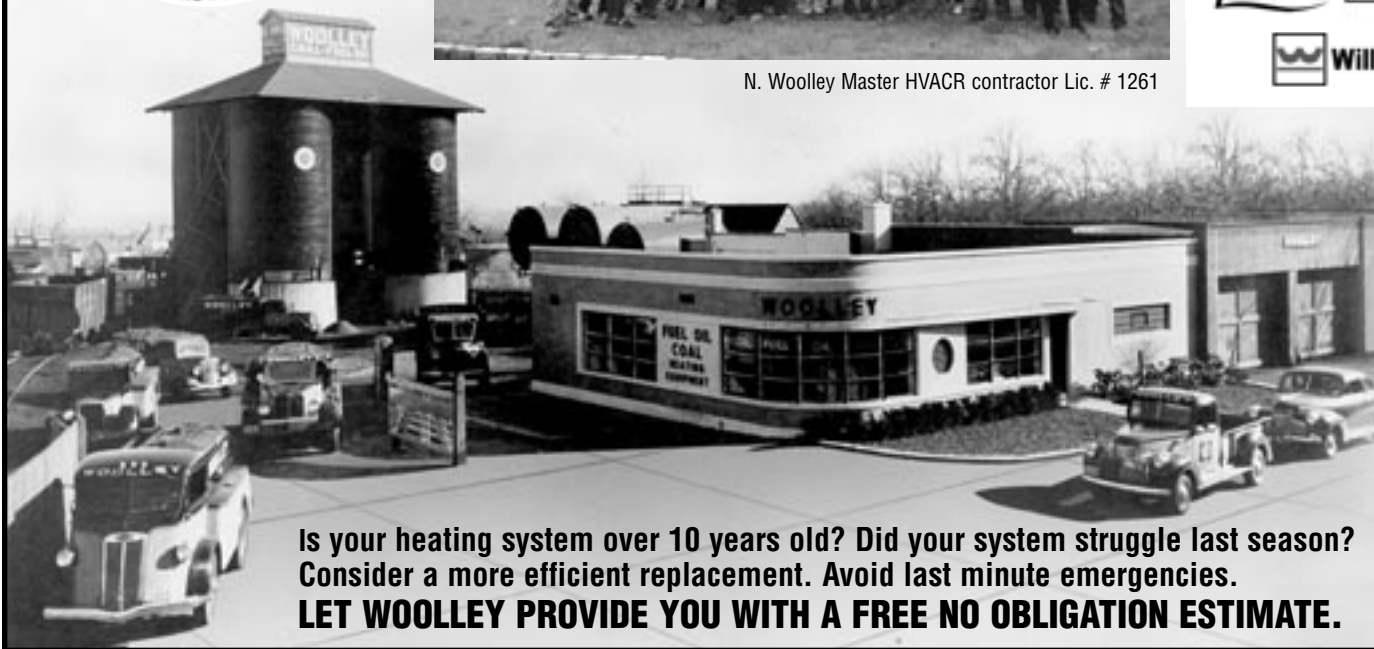


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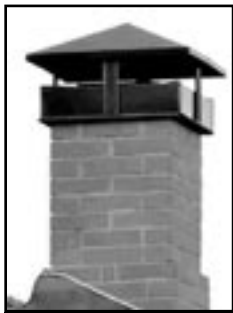
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New Jersey boasts over 715,000 acres of dedicated farmland and is renowned for its diverse specialty crops, producing an impressive 1.2 billion pounds of tomatoes, 74 million pounds of blueberries, and 400 million pounds of sweet corn annually. With its unique climate and fertile soil, New Jersey's farmers are devoted to sustainable practices that not only elevate the flavor and quality of their crops but also support environmental stewardship. Specialty crops from New Jersey play a crucial role in both local consumption and national markets, significantly bolstering the state's economy.

The NJCFC supports numerous farmers' markets across the state, fostering community engagement and promoting sustainable living. "New Jersey's agricultural industry is thriving, and our specialty crops are among the best in the

nation," said Joseph Mikulewicz, President of NJCFC. "By choosing local produce, consumers invest in their health while supporting our dedicated farmers and strengthening their communities."

Buying local produce provides numerous advantages: it minimizes carbon footprints thanks to shorter transportation distances, stimulates local economies, and guarantees access to fresher, nutrient-rich food. Research shows that locally grown fruits and vegetables often have higher nutrient levels compared to those transported over long distances.

Farmers' markets, along with local restaurants and grocery stores throughout New Jersey, proudly feature locally sourced produce that encourages healthier eating habits while nurturing a sense of community connection. The state remains committed to upholding its leadership in specialty crop production through initiatives centered on education, sustainability, and making fresh food accessible to all residents.

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NJIO KICKS OFF SEASON WITH FREE CONCERT ON NOVEMBER 10TH

New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) will present its first concert of its 31st Season on November 10th at 3 pm at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield. Three of NJIO's ensembles will perform at this Fall Concert.

The concert is free and open to the public, with a relaxed concert atmosphere. Donations are gratefully accepted.



(above) Elizabeth Poppy Song

The Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Artistic Director Warren Cohen, will perform with two winners of our annual Young Artist Concerto Competition. 15-year-old violinist Elizabeth Poppy Song of Haworth, NJ will perform the first movement of the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto. High school junior cellist Matthew Ho of East Brunswick, NJ will play the first movement of the Dvorak Cello Concerto. The Symphony will then conclude the concert with the Borodin Symphony No. 3.

This is the first time that two of our Concerto Competition winners have performed at the same concert, and both will perform a masterwork on their instrument. Elizabeth Poppy Song has been playing the violin for ten years and is a student of Masao Kawasaki. She is currently a sophomore at Northern Valley Regional High School. Matthew Ho studies with Clara Minhye Kim and has been playing for seven years. He attends East Brunswick High School. Our Concerto Competition is sponsored by Elefante Music. For more information on the competition, visit our website at www.njio.org/concerto-competition

NJIO's Intermezzo Orchestra, conducted by Oliver Hagen, will perform the Chit Chat Polka by Johann Strauss II, the conclusion of Gustav Mahler's Symphony No.3, and Mozart's Symphony No. 38, first movement. All music has been arranged by Dr. Hagen.

Prelude Ensemble, NJIO's entry level ensemble, conducted by Elizabeth Maliszewski, will open the concert.

Concert Details:

Sunday, November 10 at 3 pm

(doors open at 2:40)

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church

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This concert is made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, The Plainfield Foundation, 2024 Young Artist Concerto Competition sponsor Elefante Music and our season sponsors: the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation, The Lillian Schenck Foundation, The Henry S. and Agnes M. Truzack Foundation, Standish Foundation and many other generous supporters. NJIO is a proud participating organization in the Families First Discovery Pass Program, a program of the

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NJIO is committed to ensuring that its programs and concerts are accessible. For more information regarding the concert or to inquire about patron services, please contact NJIO at info@njio.org, or visit NJIO's website njio.org.

New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra, now in its 31st season, has been nationally recognized as a leader in intergenerational excellence through its unique approach to teaching musical performance and as a model for intergenerational orchestras across the country. Depending on space availability, NJIO welcomes new members of all ages and abilities each concert period to one of its orchestras - no auditions needed!

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Come make a fabric pumpkin for your Thanksgiving decor. *†

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Nov. 4, 21 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Drop by with a knitting or crochet project and chat with the group as you stitch.

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Nov. 5 from 10:30 - 11:30 am

Join us for a bagel & tell us about what you've been reading recently.†

Movie Matinee - Dumb Money

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Nov. 6 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm

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Nov. 7 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm

This free in person workshop with career coach Ken Cavanagh will prepare you to answer likely interview questions. *

Virtual Author Talk

The Paranormal Ranger

Nov. 7 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Stanley Milford, Jr. online as he chats about the memoir The Paranormal Ranger which retells his investigations into bizarre cases and the unexplained in Navajo land.† ***

Board Games at the Brewery

Nov. 7 from 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Play board games at Untied Brewing. Mark and Elizabeth will introduce you to new, quick to learn games. Ages 21+.†

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Nov. 9 & 23 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Coddington (11/9) and Conti (11/23) Rooms are reserved for writers for National Novel Writing Month. Come write and get a "NaNoWriMo" sticker.

Virtual Author Talk in Spanish

Javier Zamora, Autor de Solito

Nov. 9 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Javier Zamora habla en línea en español sobre su poesía y su viaje migratorio de El Salvador cuando era niño.† ***

Concert Series Chris and Deni in Concert

Nov. 10 from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

An Americana, folk-rock duo whose blend, virtuoso violin, guitar, and humor have entertained from. †

Batter Up - Let's Talk Baseball

Nov. 11 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Enthusiasts discuss teams, players and issues of the sport with other baseball fans. Meeting on 11/11 is virtual only. *

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Nov. 11

AI: The Good, The Bad and Scary

Nov. 12 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

A virtual discussion on morals, values, and ethics of AI as well as scams and deepfakes by Eddi Khaytman on zoom. *

Virtual Author Talk

Javier Zamora, Author of Solito

Nov. 14 from 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Hear Javier Zamora speak online about his poetry, and journey from El Salvador to the US as an unaccompanied child.† ***

Evening Book Group

Nov. 14 from 7:30 - 8:30 pm

We'll discuss the classic, "The Bell Jar" by Sylvia Plath. Copies at the front desk.

Murder Mystery Theater

Nov. 16 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

The Friends of the Library invite you to a night of fun with their annual fundraiser.

Come enjoy wine, appetizers and dessert.

Tickets at newprovidencelibrary.org.†

Backyard Bears

Nov. 18 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Learn from the Park Commission about bear habits and what to do if confronted at the monthly NP Garden Club meeting,

Morning Book Group

Nov. 19 from 10:30 - 11:30 am

We'll discuss Iron Lake by William Kent Krueger. As a blizzard buries a lakeside town, a resident is found dead, and a young Indian boy left home in a hurry. Copies available.

Movie Matinee: Ford v Ferrari

Nov. 19 from 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Automotive designer, Carroll Shelby, and race car driver, Ken Miles, battle to build a revolutionary vehicle to compete against Ferrari at Le Mans. PG-13. †

Virtual Author Talk

Mona Susan Power

Nov. 20 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Hear the award winning author of The Grass Dancer and a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe speak online.† ***

Sign up Teen Take Out Boxes

Nov. 21 at 3:00 pm

Sign up for a monthly box of YA fiction and fun for Grades 6-12. Pick up Dec. 19.

Play Reading Group

Nov. 21 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

No acting required! We will read The Thanksgiving Play by Larissa Fasthorse aloud together from copies provided by the library.

Let us know if you're coming.*

Silent Book Club

Nov. 25 from 7:00 - 7:50 pm

It's introvert happy hour. BYO book and read together in quiet camaraderie.

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The red carpet rolls out from 6 - 9 p.m. on Saturday, November 16th at the William Paca Club, One William Paca Place in New Providence. Tickets can be purchased on the library's web page newprovidencelibrary.org, or with checks made out to "Friends of the NPML." Checks may be mailed or dropped off at the library at 377 Elkwood Ave., New Providence,

and should include preferred contact details (email or phone). Tickets are \$125 per person and will be distributed at the door, each with two drink stubs attached (ages 21+, ABC Permit #119884). For those paying by check, a special group rate of four tickets for \$450 is available.

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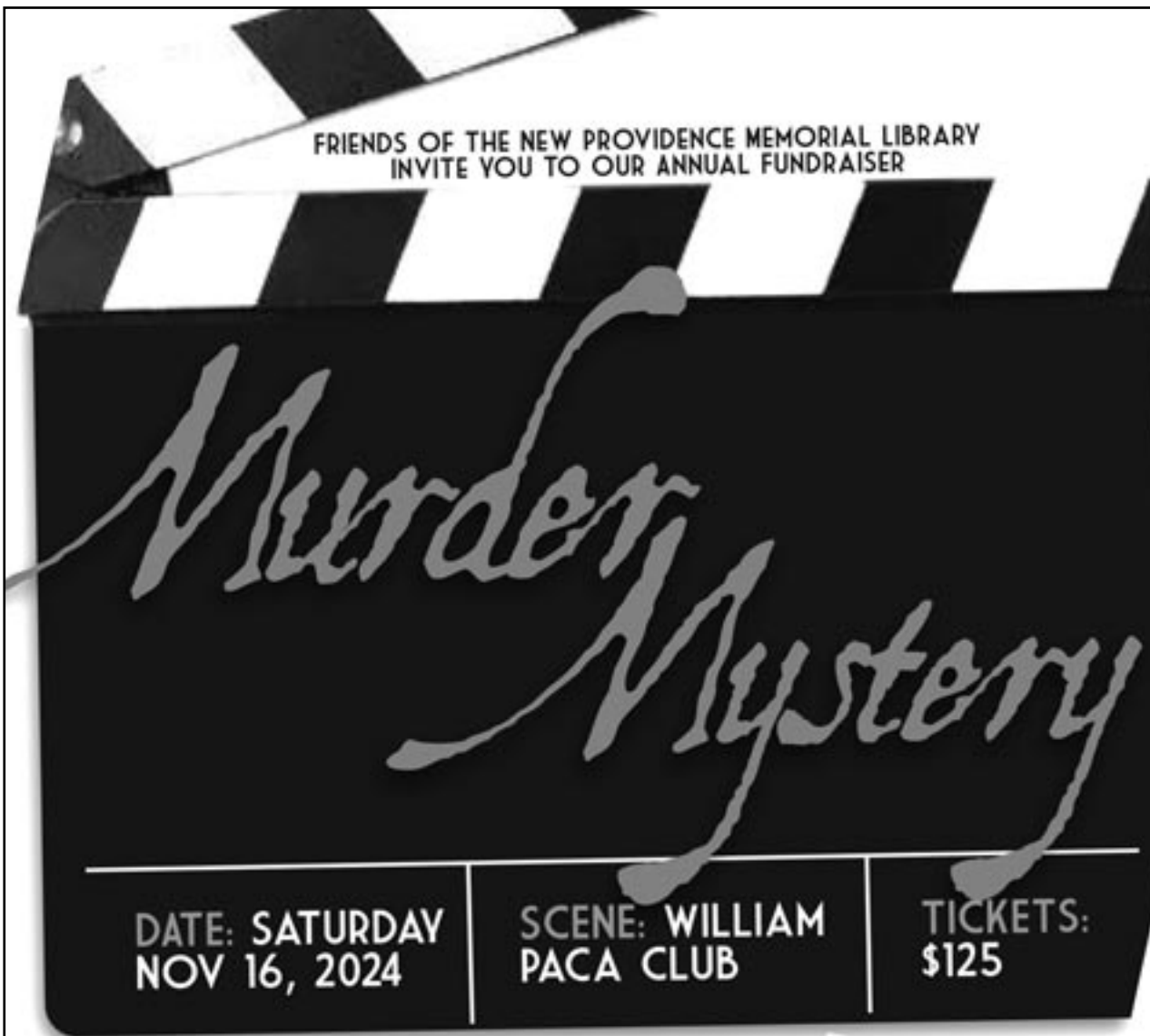
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LIBRARY MUSIC PROGRAM - NOV 10TH

The Friends of the New Providence Library will hold their next musical concert on November 10th (Sunday) from 3- 4 p.m. featuring Deni Bonet and Chris Flynn. As individual artists, they have more than made their mark in music. As a duo, they have created something extra, engaging and extremely entertaining. Their style ranges from pop to roots-rock to new folk. Bonet's voice and electric violin, and Flynn's guitar and voice, have echoed through the United Nations and the White House, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center and Mountain Stage. They have even performed their original music as soloists with several full symphony orchestras. They have shared stages with REM, Cyndi Lauper, Warren Zevon, Sarah McLachlan, and many others. For the last five years, they have melded musicality on stages across Europe and America, from festivals to house concerts, libraries to radio stations. Their humorous shows are full of self-penned songs and instrumentals, and the warm banter of two people completely at one on the stage.

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(above) Deni Bonet and Chris Flynn will perform at the New Providence Library on Sunday, November 10th, from 3 – 4 p.m.

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(above) Acting Adjutant General of New Jersey Colonel Yvonne Mays..

On Sunday, November 10, 2024, Cranford VFW Post #335 will be holding its annual Veterans Breakfast, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Post Home at 479 South Ave. East in Cranford. This free event is open to all area veterans, and a full “sit down” breakfast will be served by the Post Auxiliary.

Several notable speakers will be on hand, while the featured speaker will be U.S. Air National Guard Colonel Yvonne Mays who is currently the Acting Adjutant General of New Jersey and the Commissioner of the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. She previously held the position of Deputy Adjutant

Colonel Mays began her career in 1983 as an enlisted airman and was deployed overseas during Operation Desert Storm. Through her own tenacity she earned her officer’s commission at the Palmetto Military Academy,

Fort Jackson, SC in 1999. She began her National Guard career as Director of Personnel and Commander of the Mission Support Flight of the 177th Fighter Wing and within four years went on to become the Executive Officer of the Wing. She has been Deputy Chief of Staff of the NJ National Guard while supporting Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. As today’s Acting Adjutant Colonel Mays commands more than 8,400 soldiers and airmen of the NJ National Guard. She is currently awaiting Governor Murphy’s actions deeming her permanent in this prestigious position.

This highly attended event is a great chance to meet and greet other veterans. If you are a veteran of any era, VFW Post #335 encourages you to attend this important, fulfilling event. There is no reservation required and more information may be obtained at the Post website at vfw335.org.

20 YEARS OF SUPPORTING YOUNG WOMEN CELEBRATED

The Fortnightly Club of Summit

The Fortnightly Club of Summit, a women’s club which draws members from Summit and surrounding towns, has a 132-year history of community service, volunteerism, and historic preservation. The Club recently hosted its annual scholarship luncheon. This celebration marks more than 6 decades of awarding scholarships to young women in the community. This year’s winners include Summit High School students Chelsea Asitimbay (Boston College), Diane Saint-Louis (The College of New Jersey), and Keilah Torillo (The College of New Jersey).

To date the club has awarded more than 60 scholarships to young women pursuing a secondary education including college or a trade education. At the luncheon, the club announced this year’s scholarship winners, and celebrated past winners as well. This year’s luncheon featured:



(above) This year’s Scholarship winners are Chelsea Asitimbay (Boston College), Diane Saint-Louis (The College of New Jersey), and Keilah Torillo (The College of New Jersey).

support, and make a meaningful difference in the lives of young women in Summit. We were also honored to host our guests from Girls on the Run as they discuss the empowerment of girls at a community level, which is closely aligned with the spirit of the luncheon.”

Luncheon attendees supported the Fortnightly Club through participation in the luncheon and donations. Items were also collected for donation to Girls at the Run at the event, including first aid kits, lap counters, travel tissue packs, and other essentials that are required for Girls on the Run coaches’ practice kits.

“Our members are civic minded, compassionate community members who constantly come together to make a difference. Together, our members create positive change and transform lives,” said Andrews.

For more information about the Fortnightly Club, and how to become a member, please visit fortnightlyclub.org or email fortnightlyclubtwinmaples@gmail.com.

ABOUT THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB

The Fortnightly Club is a volunteer group dedicated to causes that improve the lives of members of the Summit community and surrounding areas. The club supports various organizations related to education, women’s issues, veterans, the elderly, and cultural institutions that serve the greater community. The club is also dedicated to preserving the historic Twin Maples Estate.

Founded in 1893 by Mrs. Mary B. Wilcox, the Fortnightly Club continues to embrace its legacy of transformative, and impactful community service. The Fortnightly Club’s members are a diverse group of professional women, stay-at-home moms and retirees who share a commitment to volunteerism and community service. New members are always welcome; we serve members from Summit and surrounding towns in New Jersey, including New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Short Hills and more.

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Faith Lutheran Church and New Providence Scout Troops are working together again this year to collect non-perishable food items for our annual Fall Food Drive. The collection will benefit the Star Fish Food Pantry in Plainfield and the Community Service Association (CSA) of New Providence.

As part of their annual "Scouting for Food" initiative, local scouts will be dropping off door tags at area homes. Residents are asked to fill a bag or box with non-perishable items for donation. The door tag has further directions

about pick up and other ways to contribute.

Members of the community are also welcome to bring food directly to Faith Lutheran Church at 524 South Street, New Providence, during office hours Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Most needed items are spaghetti sauce, pasta, powdered milk, condiments, canned meat, pork & beans, cereal, Pop Tarts, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, tea bags, coffee, canned vegetables, canned fruit, raisins, and soup.

In addition, the community is invited to come

to Faith Lutheran on Saturday, November 23 at 9:00 a.m. to help sort and pack the collected food into labeled boxes which will provide meals to patrons of the CSA of New Providence and Star Fish Food Pantry. All ages are welcome, and many volunteers are needed, with something for everyone to do.

On Saturday, November 30, volunteers are needed to load up a truck and deliver boxes to Star Fish Food Pantry. There, more volunteers will be on hand to sort products by item and expiration date. This delivery will help stock shelves for fall and winter.

Faith Lutheran Church is located at 524 South Street, New Providence, NJ, 07974. Faith Lutheran worships on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with livestreaming available on our website, Facebook, and YouTube. We practice an open Communion table, and all are welcome. The Rev. Jane McCreedy is the pastor. For more information visit online at famfaith.org or call 908-464-5177.

WEBINAR: HOW TO TALK TO KIDS ABOUT DEATH AND DYING

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss

November is Children's Grief Awareness Month, a perfect time for those at Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss to raise awareness in our community regarding our children's experiences of grief and loss. Throughout the month, Imagine will be featuring stories from our families about their grief experiences and you can follow @imaginej on social media to hear more.

On November 21st, National Children's Grief Awareness Day, Imagine will offer a webinar on How to talk to Kids about Death and Dying from 7-8:30 p.m. Staff at Imagine offered this webinar for the first time last spring and received such an overwhelming response of appreciation for addressing this difficult topic and gratitude for the content shared that offering it again on this day felt necessary and important. Those attending the webinar will learn to:

- Recognize the importance of talking to kids about death and dying
- Create opportunities to develop children's understanding of death
- Normalize conversations about death and grief
- Identify concrete tools and language to use in these discussions

The webinar is free and those interested can sign up by visiting Imagine's website at imaginej.org.

Attending the webinar is one way to learn more about supporting children who are grieving and there are other ways you can help. Imagine is always looking for more compassionate volunteers to facilitate our rapidly growing support groups for children, youth, young adults and their caregivers who are grieving. If you think you may have an interest in joining Imagine's community of volunteers, please visit our website to complete our volunteer interest form. You can also help Imagine by following us on social media or donating to allow our free support group program to grow and support more families who are grieving a loss. You can donate at Imagine's website: imaginej.org.

Imagine invites all who are reading this to join us this National Children's Grief Awareness Month in helping us ensure that no child grieves alone.

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss is a 501c3 that offers grief and loss education and training to the community and 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. For more information, please contact info@imaginej.org or 908-264-3100.



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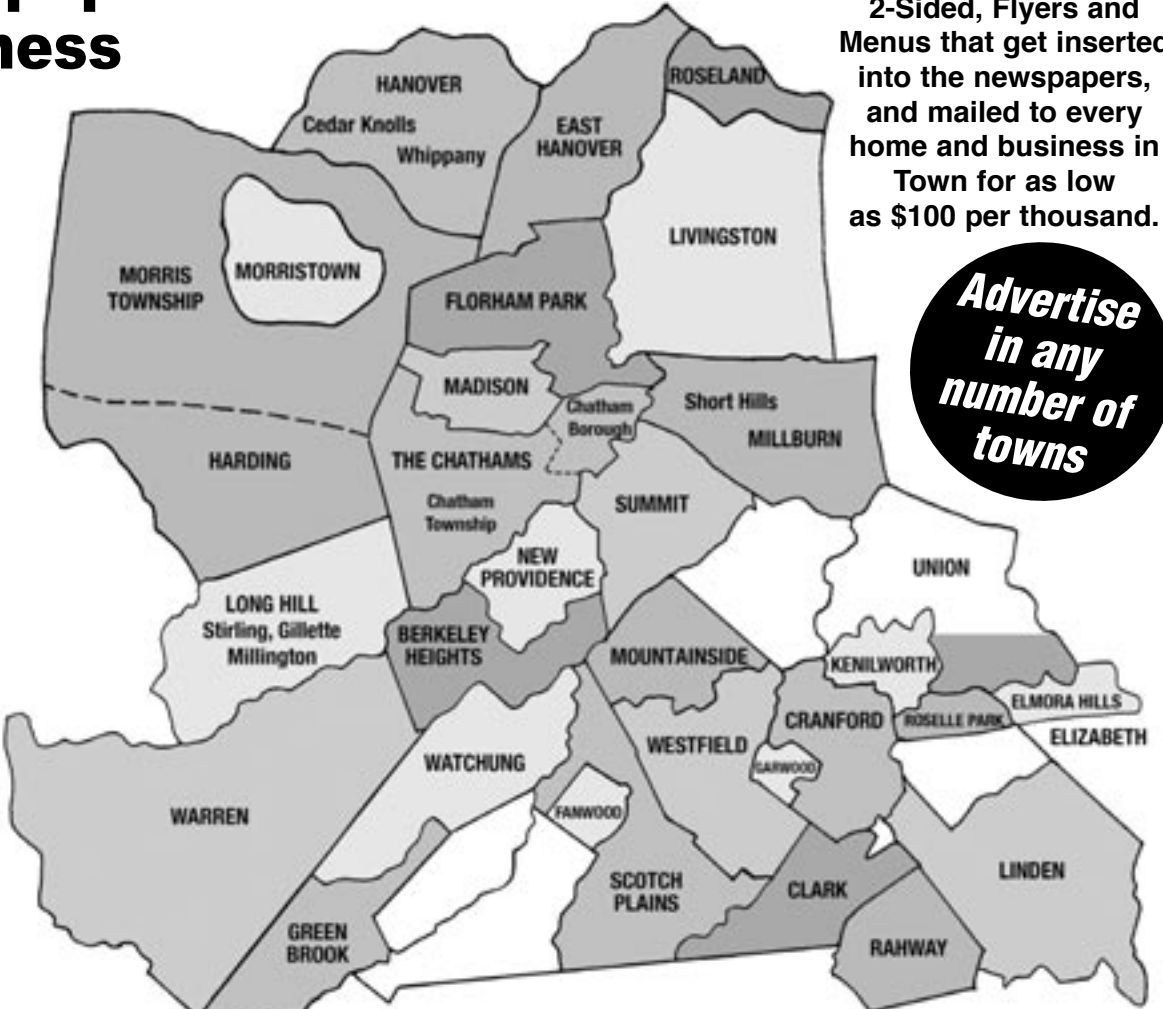
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BIG NEWS: RENNA MEDIA IS LAUNCHING SIX MORE NEWSPAPERS IN DECEMBER

Renna Media will be launching six new newspapers in December 2024. The new towns joining Renna Media's family of newspapers are Livingston, Roseland, Hanover, East Hanover, Morristown, and Morris Township. The newspapers are Every Door Direct Mailing (EDDM) to every home and business in town.

The new monthly publications will add over 40,000 new postal patrons for a new total of over 200,000 newspapers mailed to 30 towns in Union, Somerset and Morris Counties.

The publications are "hyperlocal" in nature in that they contain information focused on each individual town and are direct mailed within those towns. The newspaper's goal is to have a positive influence on the economic development and overall well-being of the town. Our publications exist to share community service news and the good things that are happening in the community.

The concept of being hyper-local is to give local businesses a venue to promote services. Reaching local customers gives you the highest return for your advertising dollars. The black and white newspapers are designed to keep the cost of an advertisement to a minimum. Ads in one town start at \$100. Regional businesses can take advantage of discounted rates for advertising in multiple towns.

Renna Media also prints full-color flyers and tri-fold menus that get mailed along with the newspapers. A cost effective alternative to mailing postcards.

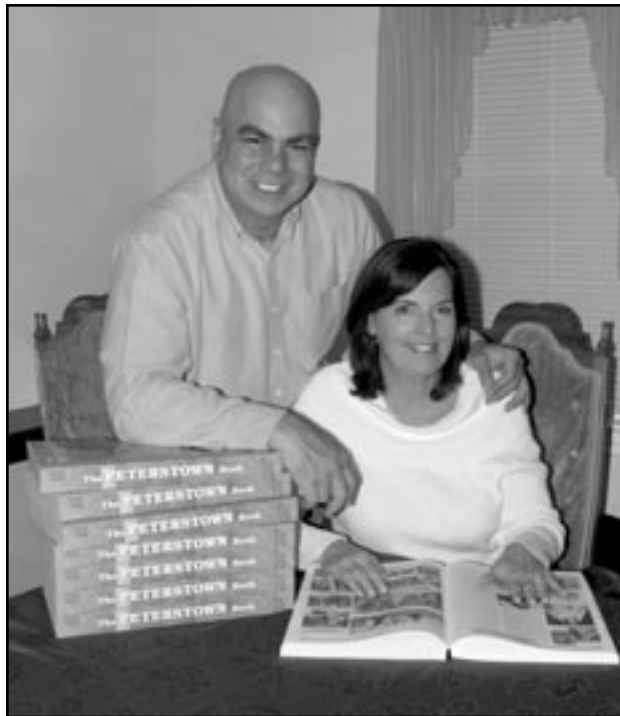
Renna Media is a Cranford, NJ based business

owned and operated by husband-and-wife team of Joe and Tina Renna. They are celebrating 40 years in business.

For more information about Renna Media publications, please visit RennaMedia.com.

Press releases with community service news can be emailed to editor@rennamedia.com.

Businesses interested in advertising can call Joe Renna at 908-447-1295, or email joerenna@rennamedia.com.



(above, l-r) Joe and Tina Renna, owners of Renna Media, LLC, are celebrating 40 years in business.

FUNDRAISER GALA FEATURES ONLINE AUCTION

Hearts for Emma a 501©3 in Cranford, NJ is having a gala fundraising evening featuring cocktails, dinner, live music, sensational raffles, & a silent auction featuring original artwork on November 23, 2024, at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, New Jersey.

Hearts for Emma was founded by Cranford residents Nancie & Emma Rothman after Emma received a lifesaving heart transplant at the age of 12. Hearts for Emma provides assistance to families with children in crisis due to cardiac illness and creates and distributes educational materials in support of organ and tissue donation.

Co-founder Nancie Rothman states, "When Emma received her heart transplant, we were and continue to be so grateful to have the support of our family and community to help us through what was the most difficult time in our lives. Hearts for Emma was founded to help us live every day with purpose and to give back. Our gala fundraiser will be a wonderful evening and a way to support a great cause. We invite anyone interested in attending, donating, and purchasing raffle tickets as well as bidding online for the below painting & other exciting items to do so."

For further information, visit: heartsforemma.org



(above) Joe Renna holds an original 36" x 24" oil painting of the 18th Hole at Galloping Hill he created for Hearts for Emma 2024 Auction.

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SOME OF THE ITEMS BEING AUCTIONED

As of this printing 11/1/24

- 10 days in Steamboat Colorado (September 19th-29th, 2025)
- Oura Ring
- Shackamaxxon Round of Golf, pickle ball lesson, Hold Now gift certificate
- Pet Art -unique rendering of your pet
- Bonnie-Leigh Jones painting: Beach Scene
- Original oil painting of the 18th Hole at Galloping Hill



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