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56TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT - APRIL 12

The New Providence Lions will be hosting their 56th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Oakwood Park in New Providence. The hunt is open to all New Toddlers, Providence Pre-Schoolers, Kindergarteners, First and Second Graders.

According to New Providence Lions Club President John F.X. Keane, "For now 56 years, the New Providence Lions Club has hosted our borough's Easter Egg Hunt, a joyous occasion for generations of our kids and their parents. Since 1969, our traditional Easter Egg Hunt celebration at Oakwood Park has provided a great opportunity for families to meet each other and to mingle with our great New Providence police, fire and rescue squad responders, who bring their equipment to entertain the kids. It is a piece of the New Providence experience and history that we feel blessed to give back to our community. And new for this year, we'll be entertained by the illusions of local magician Michael Gray. We're all looking forward to having a good time with the children and their families."

The Hunt will take place Rain or Shine, with festivities beginning at 9:00 a.m. near Oakwood Park's picnic area, accessed from Woodbine Circle and Roessner Place. At that time, Lions volunteers will be collecting food, handing out balloons, lollipops and pencils to the kids, entertainment will be provided by Michael Gray, and New Providence EMS, Fire and Police Departments will be on hand with their vehicles for viewing, dressed in their Superhero costumes to pose with children and their families. The Easter Bunny will arrive at 9:15 a.m. to greet the families as a prelude to the actual Easter Egg Hunt, which will begin at 9:30 a.m. sharp with nearly 2,000 colored eggs to be found. Children who find the special gold or silver eggs will receive large chocolate bunnies and gift baskets as special prizes.

The event is free, though donations are gratefully accepted, 100% of which are used to fund other services and scholarships for the New Providence community.

Families should plan on arriving at least 15 minutes before the 9:30 a.m. start of the Hunt, and later arrivals may have to park curbside on nearby streets. The Lions ask that parents be courteous and respectful to residents near the Roessner Place entrance to the park, and consider carpooling with friends.

Please Help the Lions feed the Hungry! As in recent years, the Lions will be conducting a food drive to support local families in need. Attendees are asked to bring cans or boxes of non-perishable food, which the Lions will collect and donate to the Our Lady of Peace R.C. Church Food Pantry in New Providence.

So, bring your baskets to Oakwood Park and join the New Providence Lions Club on April 12th at the Easter Egg Hunt!

The New Providence Lions Club donates back to the community every dollar it collects. Being a Lion empowers you to help others in a way that no one person could alone. The Lions are dedicated to helping others. For more information please email info@nplions.org

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The DeCorso Community Center, which serves as the home for the New Providence Senior Citizens Club, provides opportunities for senior residents to socialize, exercise and participate in programs and activities with their peers.

The Center's hours are Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m. —2:30 p.m.

The New Providence Senior Citizens Club holds weekly meetings on

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. with special presentations, performances, or "special" bingo. For program details and a full calendar please visit newprov.us/278/Seniors.

Club Meeting, Birthdays

Wednesday, April 2 at 11:00am Pizza Bingo

Friday, April 4 at 11:00am with Free pizza provided by Spring Grove

Club Meeting & New Providence Middle School Band Small Ensembles performance

Wednesday, April 9 at 11:00am
Club Meeting & Kean University
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Wednesday, April 16 at 11:00am

Bus trip to Wind Creek Casino Thursday, April 17 at 10:00am

Bethlehem, PA (advanced ticket purchase required)

Club Meeting & Special Bingo Wednesday, April 23 at 11:00am

Shell Craft

Thursday, April 24 at 11:30am please call (908) 665-0046 or e-mail: decorsocenter@newprov.us to register in advance

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Tuesday, April 29 at 11:00am (The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki)

Club Meeting & New Providence High School Jazz Band performance

Wednesday, March 30 at 11:00am

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CONCORD SINGERS TO PERFORM – APRIL 27

The Friends of the New Providence Library closes their Spring 2025 season with a special concert, featuring The Concord Singers. This community-based women's chorus located in Summit, provides a musical home to both novice and experienced singers. Members come from a

wide range of ages, professions and backgrounds. and hail from 23 towns across NJ. Their Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization repertoire is varied and includes secular and sacred music from composers ranging from classical to modern. Join us on Sunday, April 27 at 3 p.m. in the Conti Room.

The Friends of the New Providence Memorial whose mission is to raise awareness and funds, as well as advocate for the New Providence Memorial Library. For more information about the Friends, visit newprovidencelibrary.org



(above) Join us for a harmonic experience with the Concord Singers at the New Providence Library on Sunday, April 27 at 3 p.m. Admission is free.

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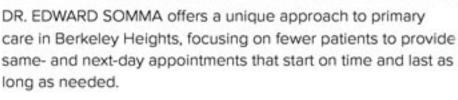












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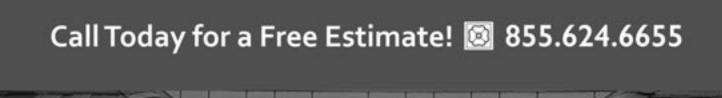
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GIRL SCOUTS EARN TOP HONORS AT ANNUAL KLONDIKE DERBY

BSA Troop 280

draws members from surrounding towns, proudly earned top honors at the Patriots' Path Council, Fishawack District's annual Klondike Derby, held on February 1, 2025, at Mount Allamuchy Scout Reservation involving over 30 sleds of competitors.

The Klondike Derby is a unique winter competition where scouts participate in activities that challenge their outdoor skills and teamwork. This year's Klondike included events such as cooking, fire-building, first aid, shelter-building, pioneering, and other challenges. Scouts are required to navigate through the course with a sled containing essential gear, all while testing their abilities as a team in a variety of outdoor tasks.

Troop 280, a troop of girls founded in 2019 when girls were officially allowed to join BSA, took home first place in the Senior Sled category, demonstrating expert leadership, scouting skills, and problem-solving.

"The Klondike Derby is one of the most anticipated events of the scouting year for our troop, and we couldn't be prouder of the hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship shown by our scouts," said Amy Walker Wagner, Scoutmaster of Troop 280. "This victory is a testament to their commitment to learning, developing leadership skills, and working as a

team in challenging conditions. Our troop's BSA Troop 280, based in Chatham, NJ, and success is especially meaningful as it highlights the incredible growth of girls in Scouting since Troop 280 was founded in 2019." The formation of Troop 280 was a significant milestone for Chatham's Scouting community, as it marked the expansion of opportunities for girls to experience all the benefits of Scouting. Since its founding, the troop has thrived, taking on challenges with

determination and leading by example. The firstplace finish at the Klondike Derby is just one example of how these young women continue to break barriers and excel.

The victory also highlights the strength of the BSA's values, emphasizing leadership, citizenship, and outdoor skills, while encouraging young scouts to embrace challenges with confidence and perseverance.



(above) For more information on Troop 280, which is a troop of girls from the towns of Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Basking Ridge, Madison, the Chathams, and other neighboring communities, please visit their website: scoutsbsa280.org; and Facebook page: facebook.com/ChathamT280. Courtesy photo



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Opera at Florham proudly presents Celebriamo Puccini, a breathtaking concert celebrating the timeless works of Giacomo Puccini. In honor of the recent centenary of Puccini's death, this special benefit event will take place on Sunday, April 6, 2025, at 2:00 pm at The Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson, 285 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940.

Audiences will be transported by the passion, drama, and exquisite beauty of Puccini's most beloved Operas, such as La Bohème, Tosca, Madama Butterfly, and Turandot. The concert will feature Arias from these best loved Opera as well as a distinguished lineup of rising Opera singers, whose exceptional artistry brings Puccini's masterful compositions to life.

Proceeds from ticket sales will directly support the awards for Opera at Florham's Annual International Vocal Competition, taking place on Sunday, May 4, 2025. This prestigious competition provides critical financial support and performance opportunities for emerging Opera singers, reinforcing Opera at Florham's commitment to nurturing the next generation of Opera stars.

Tickets for Celebriamo Puccini are \$30 for general admission and can be purchased online in advance or at the door. More information and ticket details are available at www.operaatflorham.org. Student discounts are available.

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> Good Friday - April 18 12 noon Community Ecumenical Service 7:30 p.m. Service of Tenebrae

Holy Saturday - April 19 A Day of Silence, Prayer & Reflection

Easter Celebration - April 20 7:00 a.m. Memorial Garden Liturgy 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Liturgies with Eucharist

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ARTISTS INVITED TO SUBMIT WORKS

Friends of the New Providence Library

The Friends of the New Providence Library are calling all artists and photographers in New Providence and the surrounding area to participate in "Emotions Expressed: From your quietest moments to your wildest dreams" a three-month community art show, displayed throughout June, July, and August 2025.

It will be an exciting mix of the arts, crafts, and photography. We will be accepting submissions up to May 10, 2025, in any medium (painting, photography, quilting, fiber, woodworking, ceramics, etc.) that relates to an expression of any displayed on the shelves of the glass cabinet.

We hope this theme is inspiring to all the artists and crafters in our New Providence community. So grab your camera, paintbrush, fabric and

sewing machine, embroidery thread, woodwork tools, or clay and get inspired! It's time to start creating!

Please be aware that since it is a public space, the submissions must be appropriate for all ages, no nudity, graphic, or violent images.

The deadline is May 10th for submissions of artwork to be considered for the show. We are accepting all media - paintings, drawings, printmaking, photography, ceramics, fabric arts, and 3D sculptures (3D to be displayed in the glass cabinet).

The Friends of the Library curate the emotion, and can be hung in the gallery or exhibits. To inquire about exhibiting your art or craft work, please send an email to Art Curator at npmlcurator@gmail.com with a description of your work, or fill out the online application form.





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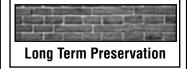
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On Saturday, May 3rd a fishing derby will be held at Oakwood Park. The event is co-sponsored by New Providence P.B.A. Local #132 and the New Providence Recreation Department. The event is free and open to children 15 years and younger. The pond will be stocked with big fish. First prize is a \$200 gift certificate donated by the P.B.A. Five additional \$25 gift cards will be awarded to participants 15 years old and younger who catch one of the five remaining big fish.



ANNUAL YOUTH FISHING DERBY - APRIL 12

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club Annual Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Echo Lake Park in Westfield, NJ. The event is free for children under 16, and \$10 for adults who wish to participate. Sign up is early morning 730/8:00 a.m. and throughout the

Tagged Fish will be stocked that day so the children can see them get stocked. Prizes are awarded for different species of fish. This is an ongoing event until May 3 so if a child cannot fish that day they can sign up and send in their tag if they catch a tagged fish up to the deadline that tags will be received.

You may donate and sponsor a fish for this event. Download our form online at nbfcc.org, we can mail one to you, or stop in at Ponzio's, 211 Union Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ.

The Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club was founded in 1907 and remains the oldest fishing club in the nation. We are listed on Amazon Smile and are a recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit. We provide outings to support veterans, adults and children as well as people with disabilities which focus on environmental education, fishing knowledge and practice. We are always looking

for new members, donations, and volunteers if anyone would like to get involved. Our monthly meetings are held at the Kenilworth VFW, located at 33 S. 21st St., Kenilworth, NJ, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (except July and August). There is no fee to attend a meeting.

For more information visit nbfcc.org or contact Bob Jones: BJonesJRNJ@hotmail.com,

908-325-6657.



WARDEN BRIAN G. TAYLOR PASSES

New Providence Volunteer Fire Department

The Department is deeply saddened to announce the passing of longtime member, Brian G. Taylor.

Brian was a member for over 48 years, serving the borough as a firefighter until 2017 at which point he joined the Wardens division. He was active as a warden until the time of his passing. Brian's pride in being a part of our organization was always exemplified by his willingness to do whatever was needed at the firehouse. He was an incredibly hard worker, enjoyed being a part of community events and was always seen with a smile on his face.

The department held a service on February 13, honoring Grian. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in eternal peace.



(above) Brian G. Taylor, New Providence Volunteer Fire Department Warden

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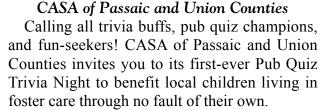
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Show off your smarts in pop culture, sports, history, science, and more, amid friendly rivalry and a community playing for a purpose. All proceeds benefit CASA of Passaic and Union Counties, which champions the best interests of abused and neglected children through effective advocacy in court, community, and classroom.

You can help change the lives of local children in foster care, one question at a time. So rally your friends, coworkers, or family and form a team of two to six players, or go solo for the big win yourself. Prizes go to the top three



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Pick up your craft Teeny Tiny Art Kit

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Pickup a kit to create your artwork. Return by April 20, 5:00 pm to be entered into a Amazon gift card raffle. One per person. (Grades 6-12)

Virtual Author Talk

Jodi Picoult

April 2 at 7:00 pm

Listen to bestselling author Jodi Picoult talk about her newest novel, By Any Other Name. Register to watch live or the recording afterward.***†.

Roma Words, Roma Worlds

April 3 at 7:00 - 8:00 pm

We'll discuss Whatever You Loved by Louise Doughty, a hauntingly beautiful investigation of love, loss, and revenge.

Join in person or over zoom.*

Board Games at the Brewery

April 3 at 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+. 140 Spring Street in New Providence.†

Knit Night/ Stay & Crochet

April 7, 17 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

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

Show us your finished projects.

Books & Bagels

April 8 from 10:30 - 11:30 am
Join us for a free bagel from NP Bagel Cafe & tell us about what you've been reading.†

Virtual Author Talk Stories and History of Trees

Tuesday, April 8th at 2:00 pm

Join Smithsonian Gardens' Greenhouse Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming as he shares the secret world of trees.***†

Evening Book Group

Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 - 8:30 pm
We'll discuss River of the Gods by Candice
Millard, the stirring story of one of the great
feats of exploration – the Nile River.

Take Control of Your Health

Thursdays, April 11 - May 23, 1:00 - 3:30

A series of 6 classes for ages 55+ and caregivers on nutrition, exercise and treatment choices to help manage pain and fatigue. To register, email alewis@westfieldnj.gov or call the Health Dept. at 908-789-4070 ext. 4080.

Teeny Paintings at the Library

April 12

Join us to work on your mini painting.

Batter Up - Let's Talk Baseball

April 14 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Fans are invited to discuss teams, players and issues with other baseball fans.

In person or over zoom. *

Morning Book Group

April 15 from 10:30 - 11:30 am

We'll discuss The Great Divide by Cristina Henriquez, a powerful novel about the construction of the Panama Canal. Copies at the front desk.

Movie Matinee: September 5

April 15 at 1:00 pm - 2:35 pm

During the 1972 Munich Olympics, an American sports broadcasting crew finds itself thrust into covering the hostage crisis involving Israeli athletes.†

Organic Gardening

April 21 at 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Nisha Khanna shares techniques to use on lawns, vegetable and ornamental gardens. The NP Garden Club hosts.

Teeny Tiny Art Show

April 22

Completed artwork will be on display.

Cookbook Club

April 22 at 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Anything citrus is this month's theme. Bring a dishes to share. Utensils, plates, napkins and a microwave are provided. Email recipes and we'll share copies.*

Networking & Interview Prep

April 22 at 6:30 - 7:30 pm

A free workshop on networking and interview preparation with certified career management coach Ken Cavanagh, former director of career advising at Fordham's business school.

Haunting Chapters Book Club

April 22 at 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Join our newest book club, which reads horror fiction. Title TBD.

Copies available at the front desk.

Pickup: Teen Take Out Box

April 24 at 3:00 pm

If you signed up for the April Teen Take Out Box, they will be available for pickup starting today at 3:00 pm.

Virtual Author Talk Gregg Hurwitz

April 24 at 7:00 pm

The bestselling author discusses his Orphan X series and life as a writer in this virtual interview. Register to watch live or to view later. ***†

Cindy Gelormini, The Paint Diva

April 24 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Cindy Gelormini speaks about her new book The Paint Diva Method. Attend in person or over zoom and learn how to avoid the top 5 mistakes made when choosing paint colors.*

Floral Painting Craft

April 26 from 11:00 - 1:00 pm

Paint a floral painting on canvas step-by-step with instruction from Richika.

Teens and adults only.*†

Meet the Artist

April 26 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm

A reception celebrating the opening of Malathi Ananthakrishnan's textile arts exhibit. Everyone is welcome.† Library Concert Series

Concord Singers

April 27 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Come to the annual spring concert of this local women's chorus.†

Silent Book Club at the Library

April 28 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

BYO book, grab an armchair at the front of the library & join us in silent reading.

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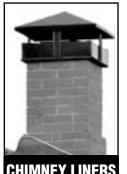
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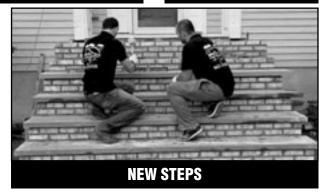


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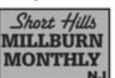
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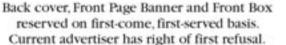
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