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COMMUNITY CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out, a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, was held on Tuesday, August 5th at Academy St. & Centennial Park. The free event featured giveaways. food, drinks, and entertainment. Members of the New Providence Police, Fire, EMS, and other departments and community groups were on hand to interact with the community. 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.

























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EIGHTH ANNUAL BOOK FESTIVAL - SEPT 20TH

On Saturday, September 20, 2025, 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.

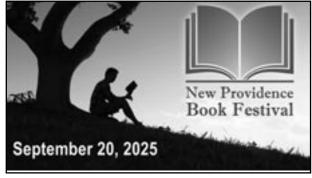
At 10 AM, during the Children's Storytime, Sue Steinhardt will read from her children's series, ImperfectPhil is a Friend. Jean Taylor will read A Wish That Will Last. Danielle Willmott will read Sampson the Square.

At 11:00 AM, Susen Edwards will talk about "Turning Your Memoir into Fiction."

At 12:00 Noon, D.M. Barr, Ted DelGrosso and Michael Penncavige will conduct an "Ask the Author" panel discussion.

At 1:00 PM, the festival will host a "Spoken Word Open Mike." Any attendee may read their written work, including fiction, poetry, or essays. All readings must be "family friendly," with a time limit of six minutes. Interested "readers" may sign up on the day of the event on a first-come, first-served basis.

A range of New Jersey authors will be available to sign their books, including J.R. Bale, D.M. Barr, Michelle Cameron, Michael Stephen Daigle, Ted Delgrosso, Susen Edwards, Sarajane Giere, Tom Kranz, Elissa Matthews, Michael Penncavage, Sue Steinhardt, Jean Taylor, Danielle Willmott and others.



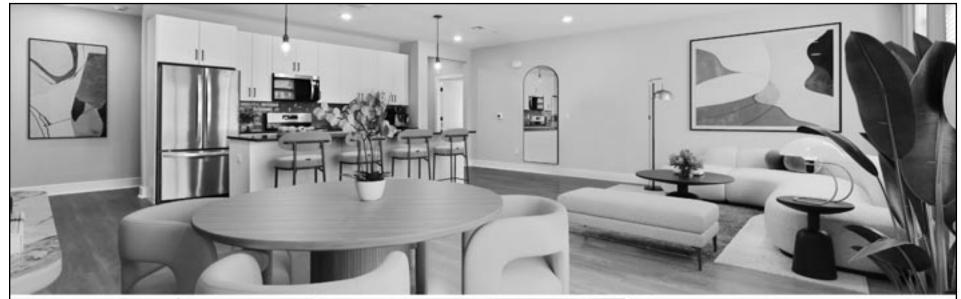
"New Jersey is filled with amazing authors," explains J.R. Bale, author and one of the organizers of the event. "This event allows readers to connect with local authors in a very personal way. With over a dozen authors, writing in various genres, it will be a stimulating event for even the most casual book lover."

Anyone purchasing a book at the festival will be entitled to receive a free raffle ticket for drawings for a prize, 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 AM to 3:00 PM. The rain date is September 27, 2025. 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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(above, l-r) Sara Costa and Peter Vislocky

New Providence EMS held their annual 2024 SERVICE AWARDS: volunteer appreciation and awards dinner in • Elizabeth Davies: Shining Light Award-August. It was a wonderful evening celebrating providing exemplary patient care during our volunteers.

We would like to congratulate this year's • Alex Pereira: Caduceus Award-recognizes award recipients:

YEARS OF SERVICE:

- Sara Costa- 10 years
- Julia Martins- 10 years
- Peter Vislocky- 5 years

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- probationary period
- going above and beyond the call of duty by answering the most back up calls
- Chris Melhuish: Distinguished Service Award- having the most scheduled hours during 2024
- Susan DeLuise: Meritorious Service Awardwho by act and deed represents the most outstanding achievement and accomplishment in the department over an extended period time. 42 years of active service and leadership

Congratulations and thank you to all of our volunteers!















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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 11:00am with special presentations, performances, or "special" bingo.

Club Meeting & presentation from Turtleback Zoo

Wednesday, September 3 at 11:00am,

Pizza Bingo with Free pizza provided by Spring Grove

Friday, September 5 at 11:00am **Creative Writing Workshops** Mondays at 10:00am, 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29 **Club Meeting & presentation from NJ** American Water on the public water system Wednesday, September 10 at 11:00am Club Meeting & Rutgers Master Gardener Program, "How to Grow Houseplants" Wednesday, September 17 at 11:00am **Painting with Veronica**

Thursday, September 18 at 11:30am

Club Meeting & Special Bingo Wednesday, September 24 at 11:00am **Oktoberfest luncheon at Vintage Tavern** Thursday, September 25 at 12:00pm, 342 Valley Rd, Long Hill, NJ advanced ticket purchase required **Sandwich Making Service Project** Monday, September 29 at 12:00pm

Tuesday, September 30 at 11:00am Seduced by the Light: The Mina Miller Edison Story by Alexandra Rimer)

Book Club





(above) New Providence seniors enjoy a wonderful day hosted by the New Providence Community Pool.

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DINE & DISCOVER: 20 WAYS TO ENJOY RESTAURANT MONTH IN BERKELEY HEIGHTS

September is a very special time for food, friends and family in Berkeley Heights: It's Restaurant Month, which runs from September 1 - 30, 2025. Now is the time to make your plans to take advantage of special offers from 20 establishments. Options range from fine casual to and quick-serve restaurants. This event attracts diners of all ages for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. It's your chance

- Try new dishes and special meals at your favorite eateries
- Make family dinnertime easy and delicious on busy weekdays
- Venture out to new places (some new restaurants have opened this year!)
- Encourage fun get-togethers with friends or co-workers as the summer ends
- Urge teens to head downtown after school and enjoy something new

"Berkeley Heights boasts a vibrant dining scene that draws visitors from near and far," said Julie Lloyd of the Downtown Beautification Committee. "From special nights out to BYOB deals, there's something delicious for everyone. We're grateful to our local restaurants for making this ninth annual Restaurant Month easy, affordable, and enjoyable."

Find the information you need to ensure you get the most value and fun out of Restaurant Month at www.experiencebh.com, including menus and specials. Follow the fun on social media at @ExperienceBerkeleyHeights on Facebook and experience berkeley heights on Instagram.

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 - Vine Republic

will open their fall season performances with an exciting tribute to Tony Bennett and Bill Evans featuring Tony Carao, a vocalist, born and raised in Brooklyn NY. An outstanding song stylist, Tony was the first-place winner in the Hoboken Sinatra Centennial. Tony will be accompanied by the talented pianist Joel Zelnik who has performed tribute to jazz legend Bill Evans at various venues across the country.

The Friends of the New Providence Library p.m. This performance captures the essence of Evans' music and legacy with the smooth stylings of Bennett. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the magic of this duo.

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.

For more information about the Friends. Visit Join us on Sunday, September 14th, 2025 at 3 newprovidencelibrary.org/about/friends-of-npml

"SHAKE-A-CAN" FUNDRAISER SEPT. 13-14

The members of the New Providence High School Marching Band and Color Guard are gearing up for their annual "Shake-A-Can" fundraiser, set for Saturday, September 13 and Sunday, September 14 from 8am-12pm. During the event, students will be stationed outside local NP establishments, cheerfully collecting cash donations to support the band's programs.

In addition to cash contributions, the band will also accept electronic payments for added convenience. The fundraiser is a long-standing tradition that typically brings in several thousand dollars each year, providing vital support for uniforms, travel expenses, and performance opportunities.

"The generosity of our community always makes a huge difference," said NPHS Bandwagon Co-President Greg Peldunas. "The students, staff, and parent volunteers are grateful

for the ongoing support that allows our students to develop their music and share their spirit throughout the season."

Residents are encouraged to stop by, say hello to the students, and contribute to keep the awardwinning marching band, also known as the "Pride & Class," thriving in New Providence.

The community is also invited to attend the annual Fall Preview, currently scheduled for Saturday, September 27. This free event is an opportunity for the community, children of all ages, and alumni to learn about this year's marching band show. Band director Mike Niedziejko explains each part of the show as fans get a sneak peek of what's to come for the competition season. The beloved Mr. N has recently announced that this will be his last year as director of the NPHS marching band after over 30 years of service.

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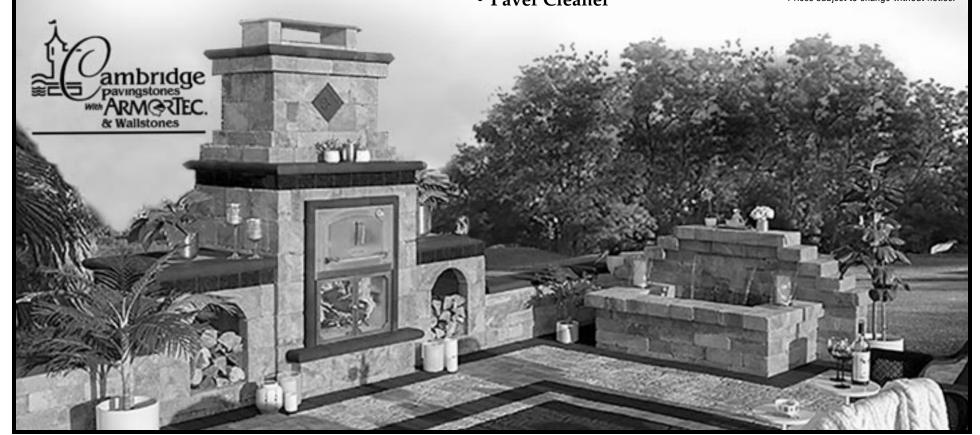
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SEPTEMBER AUDITION FOR NOVEMBER SHOW

Hickory Tree Chorus

The award-winning Hickory Tree Chorus will hold auditions on September 17, 2025, at the Shrine of Saint Joseph in Stirling, New Jersey, for participation in their November 15th 2:00 PM show, "Thank You for the Music: A Celebration in Song".

Auditions will take place from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Participants are asked to perform an a cappella song of their choice. Following the auditions, they are invited to stay for an additional hour to engage in vocal skill activities, observe chorus practices, and enjoy singing demonstrations.

The performance will be held at The Concert Hall at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. Recognized for its beautiful design and exceptional acoustics, the 433-seat Concert Hall has been sought after by major artists for both recording and performance since its opening in 2005.

The Hickory Tree Chorus has consistently demonstrated its exceptional talent, winning first place in Division A at the Greater NY/NJ Sweet Adelines Region #15 competition in Albany, New York in both 2024 and 2025. Their top-scoring performance at the 2025 competition earned them a coveted spot in the Harmony Classic at the 78th Annual Sweet Adelines International Convention & Competition in October 2026, which will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Master Director Carolyn Schmidt, a member

of Hickory Tree Chorus since 1974 and musical director since 1994, has been instrumental in the chorus's success. She is one of only five active Master Music Arrangers in Sweet Adelines International and arranges a significant portion of Hickory Tree's unique repertoire. In addition to her role as director, she serves as a Sweet Adelines International Approved Music Category Judge.

Hickory Tree Chorus is dedicated to advancing

the musical art form of four-part a cappella harmony sung in the barbershop style. As a chapter of Sweet Adelines International Organization, it has been entertaining audiences in the New Jersey area since 1968. They believe every voice counts and encourage women singers of all ages, colors, ethnicities, and orientations to visit us and share our joy of music.

Visit hickorytreechorus.org for more information or call 908-377-1399.



(above) Hickory Tree Chorus, a women's a cappella group, announces September Auditions for a November Show.

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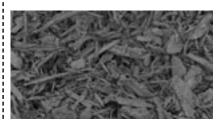
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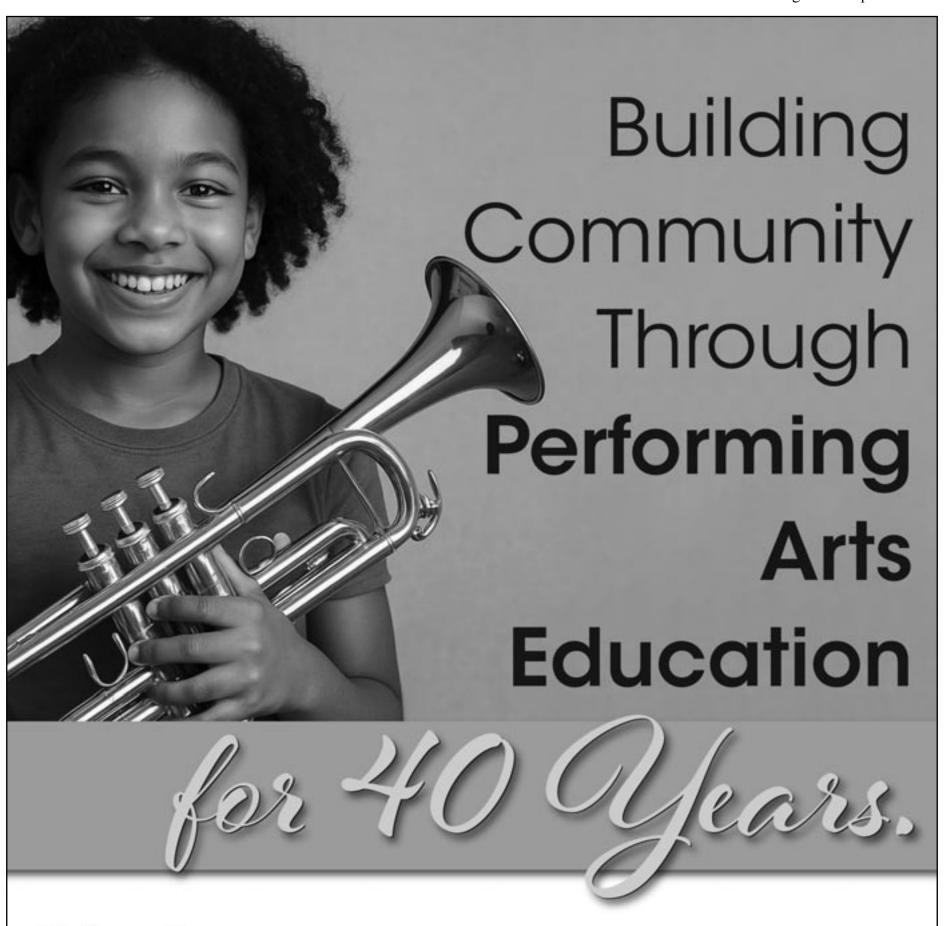
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Cutting down trees and landscaping - especially during nesting season - can destroy active nests, scare off parents, and even injure adult birds during a critical time.

Most birds nest between March and August. Even small projects - like pruning shrubs or pulling out vines - can have a devastating result on a nest.

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POLICE OFFICERS ADOPT LUCKY PUPPIES THEY RESCUED

Best Friends Animal Society

In December 2024, a trio of officers with the Clark Police Department in New Jersey responded to a call from a Good Samaritan about puppies that were abandoned in a five-gallon bucket. When they arrived on the scene, the officers discovered eight tiny puppies, only a couple of weeks old, huddled together for warmth in the freezing winter temperatures.

The puppies were immediately rushed to Associated Humane Society-Newark after hours by their Animal Care Officers (ACOs) for veterinarian evaluation and treatment. They were cold, starving, severely dehydrated, and infested



(above) Clark Police Officer Ronny Taborda (adopted Capri), Detective Bruce McDonald (adopted Zeus), and Detective Paul Sosnowski (adopted Ozzy).

with fleas.

"Deann Bowen, the Manager at AHS's Tinton Falls location and a veteran vet tech with experience in neonatal care, was able to meet our ACO's halfway up the Parkway and took them right into foster," said Danielle Mania, Chief Operating Officer of AHS-Newark.

With the puppies safely in foster care, which included round-the-clock feedings until they were able to eat on their own, the team at AHS-Newark set about finding their family. They posted the story and photos on social media the next morning, took press interviews, and raised \$40,000 to provide for the puppies' medical treatment and care.

"We did receive a few tips, but all were unsuccessful," said Mania. Once they were old enough, the puppies were sent to foster in different foster homes.

The officers were instantly interested in adopting puppies from the litter. With each passing day, they could not stop thinking about the puppies' wellbeing and regularly checked in on them. When they were all spayed/neutered and ready to adopt in March 2025, there was no need to list them all. Three of the puppies - now named Ozzy, Capri, and Zeus - had already found their loving homes with the three police officers that saved their lives on that cold winter day. Officer Ronny Taborda (adopted Capri), Detective Bruce McDonald (adopted Zeus), and Detective Paul

Sosnowski (adopted Ozzy).

"The Clark PD has an adorable group chat to keep in touch with all of the adopters, and they frequently have play dates with each other," said Mania. "This situation was really a testament as to how we work together as a team across the entire organization to save lives and find pets homes."

This full circle moment highlights modern animal services practices, and the pet lifesaving work that police and animal control officers do in their communities. It is also a reminder of the importance of microchipping pets and having them wear up-to-date identification tags, so in the event they become lost, they can be quickly reunited with their owners. Data indicates that 52% of lost dogs and two out of every five cats are successfully returned when microchipped, which reduces the amount of time lost pets stay in shelters that often already have limited space.

Best Friends Animal Society, a leading national animal welfare organization working to end the killing of cats and dogs in America's shelters, is partnering with AHS-Newark to help them achieve their pet lifesaving goals. Best Friends' most recent data shows that New Jersey is on the verge of becoming a no-kill state with an 89% save rate. There are just ten shelters in the state that need to save less than 100 pets to achieve no-kill. For more information, visit bestfriends.org.

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The iconic musical group EARTH, WIND & FIRE achieved significant commercial success and critical acclaim, becoming one of the bestselling music artists of all time with over 90 million records sold worldwide. They are also highly regarded for their innovative sound and lasting influence on popular music. They scored eight number-one hits and released over 23 albums, with several reaching double-platinum status. They were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Vocal Group Hall of Fame, and the NAACP Image Award Hall of Fame. They also received nine Grammy Awards, including a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

EARTH, WIND AND FIRE

The Earth, Wind and Fire Tribute Band share a great love and appreciation for the style and musicianship of the premier band of the 70's, 80's and 90's! This incredibly talented band is based in Maryland and tours the country as they pay homage to one of the greatest bands of its era, bringing to life the magical R&B, funk and jazz sounds that continue to inspire and influence even the contemporary entertainers of today.

From the funky and "earthy" grooves to the sophisticated and complex lyrics orchestrations, the Earth, Wind and Fire Tribute Band continues to keep the music alive so that everyone will know the elements... Earth, Wind and Fire, will live forever! They will be performing all the hits including Got To Get You Into My Life, Sing a Song, Shinning Star, Boogie Wonderland, Let's Groove, That's The Way of the World, September, and many more! They will have you on your feet and singing along to all the iconic hits!

Don't miss this opportunity to relive the musical hits of the 70's, 80's and 90's with this incredible tribute.

For tickets visit sieminskitheater.org or call the box office at 908-850-3892



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anniversary on September 13, 2025 (rain date 9/20)! Join the Millburn Education Foundation in Taylor Park to celebrate our milestone year with a festival that features incredible musical performances, kids' rides and games, local food vendors, retail and artisan retailers, and a beer garden.

This year, Rocktoberfest is thrilled to welcome headliner Fix You - a world-class Coldplay tribute band. Fans of the iconic band can expect to hear all their favorite hits brought to life with the passion and energy that only Fix You can deliver. Fix You was featured on Jimmy Fallon's Clash of the Cover Bands on E! Network and in shows across the US and the Caribbean. Rocktoberfest is also proud to showcase local musicians and teen bands from Millburn and surrounding towns. Each band brings their own unique sounds to the stage, offering a diverse mix of genres that reflect the spirit of our community. Whether you're into rock, pop, or Bollywood dance, there's something for every musical taste. Stella Artois' products will be available in our 21+ beer garden.

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Millburn's Rocktoberfest celebrates its 10th presented in an indoor setting for our guests who prefer a quieter experience.

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WELCOME BACK SUMMIT SEPTEMBER 5TH - 7TH

Downtown Summit kicks off the month with Welcome Back Summit, a weekend-long shopping event designed to celebrate the return to routine as summer winds down. Using digital passports, there will be a GRAND PRIZE for the person that visits the most participating stores. The festivities will be accompanied by the only dates for Fall Street Sounds on Friday, September 5th (from 5-8pm), and Saturday, September 6th (from 1-4pm).

ARTS & CARS – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 10AM-4PM

A community favorite, the Arts & Cars Festival is a one-day celebration that brings together automotive enthusiasts and local artists for a day filled with beauty, culture, and family fun. The event features the premier Peotter's Car Show, showcasing stunning classic, cool, and custom cars lining the streets of Downtown Summit. Whether you're a car buff or simply appreciate fine craftsmanship, you won't want to miss these striking vehicles.

In tandem with the car show, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey will be hosting an Arts Festival that will transform the downtown into an open-air gallery, with juried artists and artisans from around the region displaying and selling their work - ranging from paintings and pottery to jewelry and sculpture.

Arts & Cars will also have downtown Summit packed with exciting activities for teens and kids!

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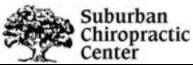


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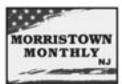
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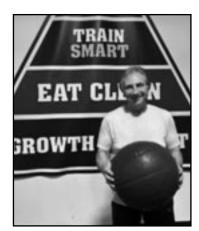
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