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NJ SHARING NETWORK AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sharing Network

Twelve New Jersey high school students, including Lily Coniglio and Brian Lippman of New Providence, were awarded scholarships from the Sharing NetworkFoundation for their passion and dedication to raising awareness of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. The 2025 graduates were presented with their scholarship awards at NJ Sharing Network's headquarters in New Providence.

Lily Coniglio of New Providence (New Providence High School), received a scholarship from the Jim Rhatican Scholarship Fund. She will attend Boston College. Lily's journey with organ donation advocacy began as a child watching NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life pass by her home - an event that inspired her to lace up and get involved. After recovering from a serious illness, her gratitude fueled an even deeper passion for the cause. As the team captain of "Lily's Laces," she has encouraged friends to run, register as donors, and join her efforts to spread awareness. She's participated in local outreach and consistently brings energy and heart to events that celebrate the power of donation. When she received her driver's license, saying "yes" to organ and tissue donation was her first proud act of

commitment. Lily now looks forward to continuing her advocacy in college, determined to inspire others to give the gift of life.

Brian Lippman of New Providence (New Providence High School), received a scholarship from the Missy's Miracle Scholarship Fund. He will attend Boston College. Brian's advocacy for organ and tissue donation is driven by personal experience and a deep commitment to honoring donors and supporting recipients. He has been actively involved in donor remembrance projects, helping families honor their loved ones through quilts, memorials, and holiday gifts. Brian's belief in donation's impact grew stronger after witnessing his five-year-old neighbor's successful liver transplant. At Boston College, he plans to continue his advocacy through student organizations like SODA (Student Organ Donation Advocates) and the American Red Cross, working to raise awareness and ensure that more lives are saved through the gift of donation.

The Sharing Network Foundation's scholarships are made possible thanks to several of the organization's family and partner funds:

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(above) Recipients of the 2025 Sharing Network Foundation High School Scholarships, alongside representatives from the Sharing Network Foundation and its partner funds, gathered at NJ Sharing Network headquarters in New Providence to celebrate their commitment to organ and tissue donation advocacy.

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BAKEHOUSE - JOE MURPHY TO JUDGE COOKIES!

So get out your favorite cookie recipies and get ready to bake.

Submitted by Paul Dormont

New Providence American Legion Post 433 will host their Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday December 13th from 11:00 until cookies run out. This year's Cookie Walk will feature a Bakers Contest. Joe Murphy owner of the Bakehouse located in New Providence will have the fun job of tasting and choosing his Top 3 favorite cookies. Winners will be awarded gift cards to Bakehouse.

WHAT A GREAT INCENTIVE TO BAKE!

Brooklyn born Joe Murphy graduated from The Culinary Institute of America. Joe was selected as one of the Top 10 pastry chefs in America. The New York Times gives Joe 4 stars.

In 2023 Joe went up against Bobby Flay and succeeded him. Joe is well known in the culinary world as one of the Best Celebrity Chefs.

If you have been to Bakehouse you have probably met Joe with his pleasant smile and friendly Hello!

So get out your favorite cookie recipies and get ready to bake. All cookie donations can be dropped off at the American Legion Hall at 357 Elkwood Avenue next to the New Providence Library on Friday December 12th from 4:00 -9:00 PM.

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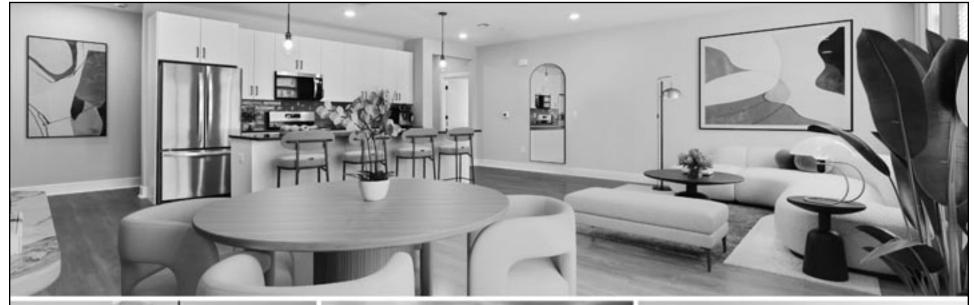
(above) Joe Murphy will be celebrity judge at American Legion Annual Cookie Walk.

Holiday Box. The American Legion Cookie Walk Fundraiser supports Post Home Improvements.

It's a fun day and a great way to start the holiday. Santa will be there to greet everyone. It's an event you don't want to miss.

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SHARING NETWORK AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS (Continued from page 1)

The Sharing Network

Hearts for Emma Partner Fund - created in celebration of Emma Rothman's lifesaving heart transplant to support high school education and donation advocacy efforts.

Jim Rhatican Scholarship Fund - created in memory of Jim Rhatican, a NJ Sharing Network Volunteer, liver transplant recipient, and retired teacher and coach of 35 years.

Missy's Miracle Scholarship Fund - created in celebration of Missy Rodriguez's lifesaving liver transplant to follow her passion as a college counselor through scholarships for high school students.

Riley's Path - created in memory of organ donor Riley Kogen to provide financial assistance to transplant patients in times of crisis, and to award scholarships to high school students and advocacy heroes.



The Sharing Network Foundation's high school scholarship program provides an opportunity to recognize and award graduating high school seniors whose lives have been touched by organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Applicants were measured on academic achievement, community and volunteer efforts, extracurricular activities, and advocacy for organ and tissue donation. Since the scholarship program's inception in 2011, more than \$140,000 has been awarded to 74 dedicated student advocates.

"We are grateful for the generous support of our partner funds and their ongoing commitment to rewarding students who share a commitment to our lifesaving mission," said Amanda Tibok, Executive Director, Sharing Network Foundation. "We know that all of our scholarship awardees will continue as strong leaders educating others about donation and transplantation throughout their college years and beyond."

ABOUT NJ SHARING NETWORK

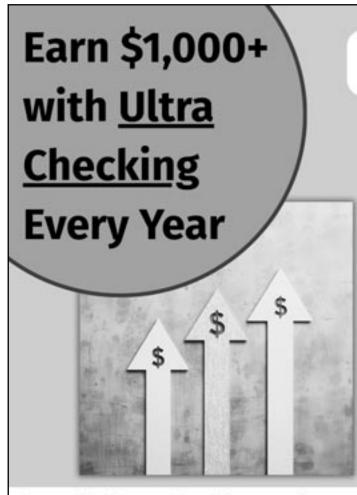
NJ Sharing Network is a federally designated nonprofit organization committed to saving and enhancing lives through the recovery of donated organs and tissue. Headquartered in New Providence, NJ Sharing Network partners with 54 local hospitals to bring hope to nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant, while also contributing to the national

effort to support more than 100,000 individuals on the U.S. transplant waiting list. With over three million New Jerseyans registered as organ and tissue donors, NJ Sharing Network has achieved record-breaking organ donation milestones for six consecutive years. Recognized as one of the nation's top-performing organ procurement organizations (OPOs), the organization was honored as NJBIZ's 2024 Nonprofit Business of the Year. Additionally, NJ Sharing Network has been named one of New Jersey's 'Best Places to Work' for seven consecutive years, reflecting its dedication to fostering an innovative, mission-driven workplace. To learn more, get involved, or register as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.

ABOUT THE SHARING NETWORK FOUNDATION

The Sharing Network Foundation supports the work of NJ Sharing Network, the federally designated non-profit organization responsible for the recovery of donated organs and tissue in the Garden State. The Foundation is committed to increasing the number of lives saved through clinical advancement, family support, public awareness and education about the lifesaving benefits of organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

For more information or to make a contribution, visit SharingNetworkFoundation.org.



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(above) New Providence seniors get creative in painting class Courtesy Photo

Club Meeting, Birthdays & Union County Surrogate "Setting Your Intentions"

Wednesday, October 1 at 11:00am Pizza Bingo with Free pizza

Friday, October 3 at 11:00am

Creative Writing Workshops Mondays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27

from 10:00am - 11:30am

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Tuesdays, October 7 and 14 from 11:00am-2:00pm

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Club Meeting & "Wildlife and Your Home"

Wednesday, October 8 at 11:00am by Somerset County Park Commission

> **Decoupage Craft - Pumpkin** Thursday, October 9 at 11:30

Club Meeting & NJ American Water Wednesday, October 15 at 11:00am Fall wreath craft with Life Hospice

Thursday, October 16 at 11:30

Club Meeting & Halloween "Special Bingo" Wednesday, October 22 at 11:00am

Book Club (So Big by Edna Ferber) Tuesday, October 28 at 11:00am

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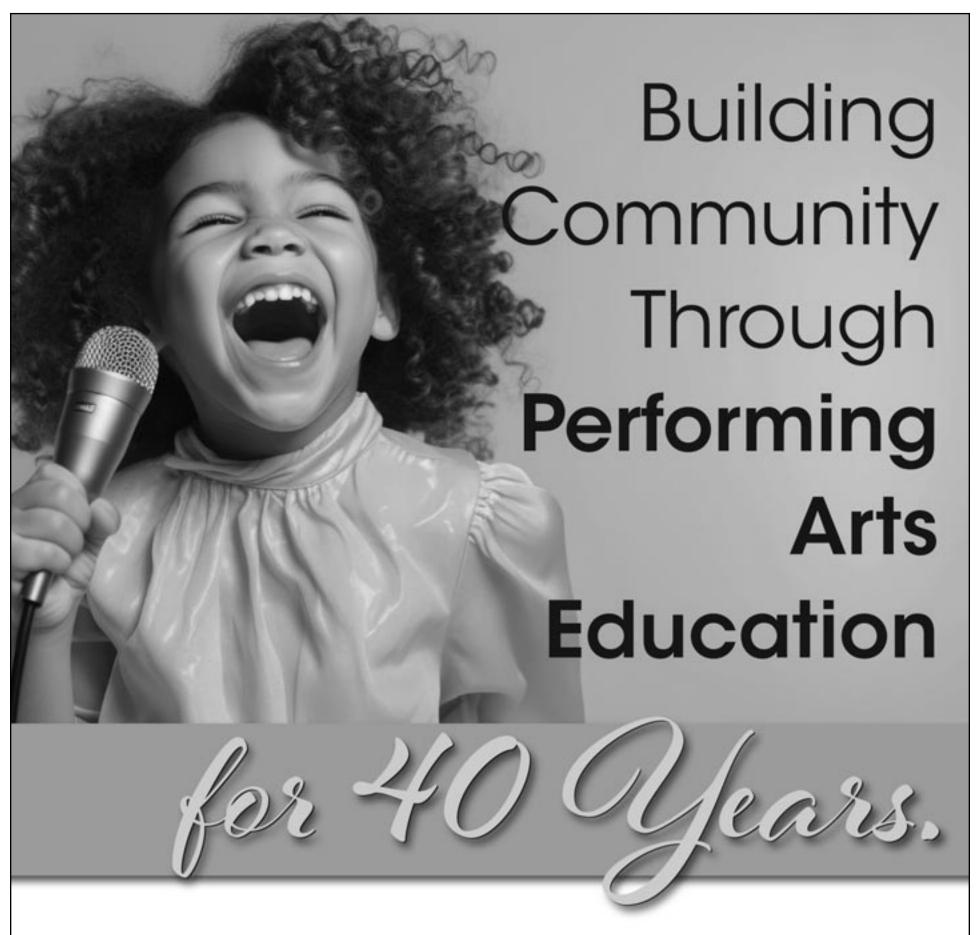
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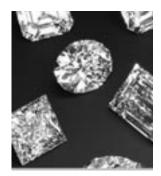
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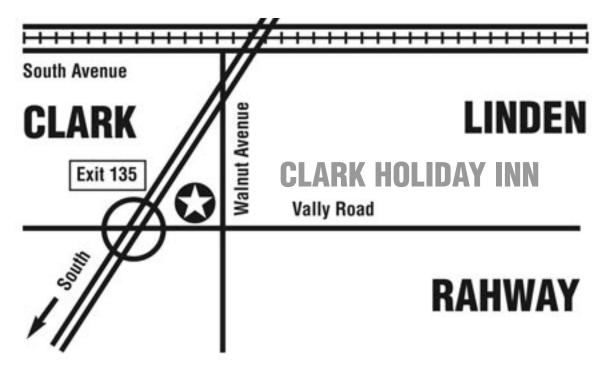
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Virtual Author Talk: Nuestra América

October 2 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Join an online conversation with Adrián Aldaba and Emily Key as they highlight inspiring stories of Latinos throughout history. Register online

Food Truck Fundraiser

October 3 from 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Join us for our first food truck event: Fish Fry Friday with the Friends of the Library! Fish fry, burgers, tacos, and kids menus.

DIY Macrame Wall Hanging

October 4 from 10:30 - 12:30 pm

Make a colorful macrame wall hanging with Gunjan. Register online.

Origami Workshop

October 5 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm Make 3D origami with instruction by Shrikant Bhide. Register online.

Knit Night/Stay & Crochet

October 6,16 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Drop by with a knitting or crochet project and chat as you stitch.

Movie Matinee The Ballad of Wallis Island

October 7 at 1:00 pm - 2:40 pm

A folk duo reunites to perform for a wealthy, eccentric fan on a remote Welsh island. PG-13 comedy/drama.

Teens Teaching: Teen Coding

October 7 at 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Led by the NP Coding Club for grades 6-12. Gain hands-on experience in web development: HTML, CSS, and JS. Registration is required. Bring a laptop.

Audiobook Walking Club

October 8 at 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Listen to your audio book as we walk a 1.5 mile path around the NP Pool. We meet in the library parking lot, then chat and share recommendations after.

Virtual Author Talk: Leigh Bardugo October 9 at 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Leigh Bardugo's highly popular Six of Crows has taken the world of YA literature by storm. Register online to watch the livestream or

recording of this interview with bestselling author Leigh Bardugo.

Board Games at the Brewery

October 9 at 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Untied Brewing Hosts Mark and Elizabeth will introduce you to a new game - or choose from other quick to learn games. Ages 21+.

Silent Book Club at Cafe Luna

October 12 from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm BYOBook and buy a drink. We'll meet in the fireplace area at The Cafe Luna or at table(s) to read quietly together.

Batter Up - Let's Talk Baseball

October 13 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Baseball enthusiasts are invited to discuss teams, players and issues of the sport with other baseball fans. Join in person or register for the zoom link.

Adopt a Ghost Craft

October 13 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Make your own spooky terrarium. Registration required.

Books & Bagels

October 14 from 10:30 am - 11:30 am Join us for a bagel from NP Bagel & Cafe tell us about what you've been reading.

Evening Book Group

October 16 at 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

The group will discuss Four Seasons in Rome by Anthony Doerr, which describes Doerr's varied adventures with his family in one of the most enchanting cities in the world. Copies at front desk.

19th Annual Craft Fair

October 18 at 10:30 - 4:30 pm

Shop for hand-crafted goods from local artisans like pottery, jewelry, home decor, quilts and more in the Conti Room.

Landscape Diversity in NJ October 20 at 6:30 pm

George Aronson, a photographer and naturalist, will give a photographic lecture sponsored by the NP Garden Club.

Morning Book Group

October 21 at 10:30 am - 11:30 am We'll discuss the Pulitzer Prize-winning

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Movie Matinee: F1

October 21 at 1:00 pm - 2:35 pm

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Teen Take Out Box Pickup

Oct. 23 at 3:00 pm

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Trivia Night

October 23 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Test your knowledge with quizmaster Mary Piekarski. One person per team must register online. The winning team will receive a Jersey Joe's gift card.

Silent Book Club

October 27 from 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Welcome to introvert happy hour. It's BYO Book. We gather to read together in quiet camaraderie in the library's armchairs.

Telescope Night

October 27 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join us at Lincoln Field at 347 Elkwood Ave. to look through telescopes from the Morris Museum Astronomical Society.

Cookbook Club

October 28 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Bring Asian cuisine to share as we discuss recipes. Utensils, plates and microwave provided. Email your recipe to info@newprovlibrary.org beforehand.

Haunting Chapters Book Club

October 28 from 7:00 -8:00 pm

We'll discuss Horseman: A Tale of Sleepy Hollow by Christina Henry. Virtual

Author Talk: Philippa Gregory

October 29 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm

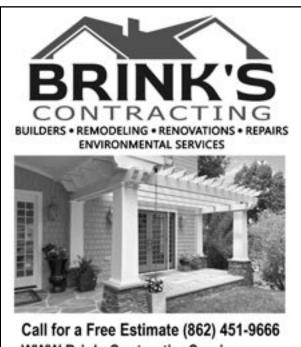
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Follow it up with our next Opera Talk with Opera Educator Lou Barrella on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm entitled "The 'Love Triangle' Trios of Giuseppe Verdi. George Bernard Shaw said that "Opera is when a Tenor and a Soprano want to make love and are prevented from doing so by a Baritone!" \$10 registration fee for Opera Talks!

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The Natural Spirit November 2, 2025 at 3pm Crescent Ave Presbyterian Church, Plainfield

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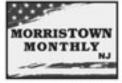
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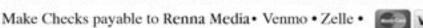
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