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45th annual Scandinavian Food & Gift Sale on Saturday November 22nd from, 10 am -3pm. The sale will be held at Salt Brook School, 40 Maple St., New Providence, NJ. We will feature decorations, Norwegian Sweaters, tomtar, candles, linens, Light Scandinavian refreshments will be served starting at 11:00. Lodge meetings are held the 3rd Friday of the month at Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South St., New Providence. FREE ADMISSION, Handicapped accessible. The event is sponsored by Lodge Linne #429, Vasa Order of America.

such as First Aid Squads, local libraries, high school scholarships, Sage, Summit speech schools and New Providence Community Organization. For Further information contact: Karen 908-665-1292, Judy 908-464-0139, Vibeke 908-313-0376.

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(above) Nancy Lamensdorf, Erin Cook, Margaret, Warlick, Carol Liscinsky, and Carol Liscinsky. Courtesy Photo

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# **THANKSGIVING SCOUTING FOR FOOD COLLECTION TO SUPPORT FAMILIES**

The New Providence Boy Scouts and the HOW YOU CAN HELP: Community Service Association (CSA) are collaborating once again to collect food items and monetary donations for New Providence families and to stock the Starfish food pantry during the Thanksgiving season. The Scouting for Food Drive began in 1988 as a national Boy Scout initiative focused on collecting non-perishable items and providing resources to address hunger in local communities. Approximately 900,000 people utilize food banks. In New Jersey, one in five children and one in twelve households with seniors experience food insecurity.



Starting November 15, Scouts will leave yellow door hangers with collection details at New Providence homes. On November 22, place your food donations in a bag or box on your porch by 8 am and attach the yellow hanger; Scouts will pick them up and deliver the items to Faith Lutheran Church for local families and the Starfish pantry.

#### **FOOD ITEMS MOST NEEDED:**

Canned fruit, vegetables, meat, tuna fish, soup, condiments, pasta sauce, rice, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, tea, coffee & Thanksgiving food. Non-perishable and unexpired items ONLY.

#### **OTHER WAYS TO HELP**

You can also donate to the CSA by sending checks to 360 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence, NJ 07974, payable to CSA of New Providence.

This community-wide initiative has a massive impact on those in need during the holidays. It helps them put food on the table, have a holiday meal with their family and feel hope for the

#### **ABOUT CSA AND SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

The CSA of New Providence is one of the first organizations of its kind whose primary purpose is to offer temporary financial assistance to New Providence residents in their time of need. All help is strictly confidential, and each person is assured complete anonymity. Questions? Email scoutingforfoodnp@gmail.com.

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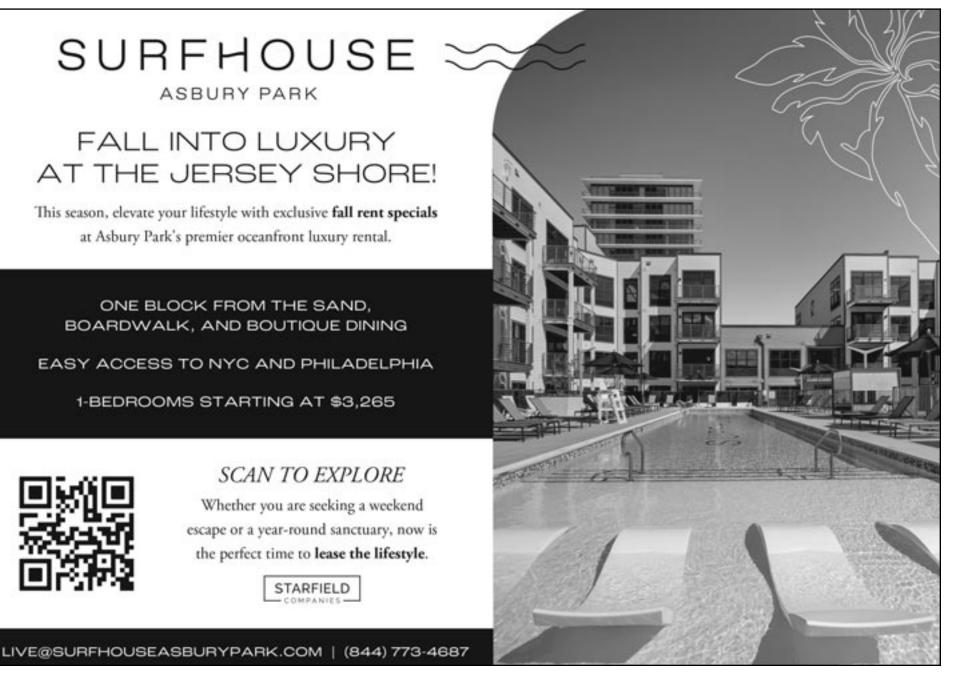
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(above) The Cover Girls will perform to honor our Veterans at the New Providence Library, Sunday, November 9th at 3 p.m.

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### **CONCERT HONORS VETERANS - NOVEMBER 9TH**

The Friends of the New Providence Library

The Friends of the New Providence Library will hold their next musical concert on November 9th (Sunday) from 3-4 pm featuring The Cover Girls. They will share patriotic songs from across the years to honor our Veterans. This musical program will be held in the Conti Family Community Room and is free and open to the public.

Kathy Martin and Mary Damato have been crafting their unique style as the Cover Girls since 2016. They are both accomplished singers having performed in choral groups in a variety of venues: Carnegie Hall, The Papermill Playhouse, Ocean Grove's Great Auditorium, Ireland, Rome (St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel).

As the Cover Girls they have performed at local country clubs, weddings, restaurants, Summit Street Sounds, New Providence Library, and private venues for holiday and community

events.

They bring an innovative and refreshing classic sound using carefully selected backing tracks, augmented by their own arrangements. Upbeat, tight harmonies will have you humming along and often dancing to their timeless and fun Cover Girls renditions. Kathy and Mary are excited to share their performance with you.

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: NewProvidenceLibrary.org/about/friends-of-npml

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This day 106 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.

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 Post Home will open at 10:30 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 2024.

Food provided by local restaurants and establishments will be served. Our New

also provide desserts. 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 message at 908-656-0046

Providence Senior Citizens Club members will 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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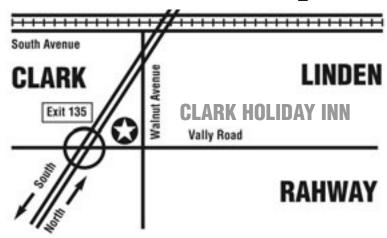
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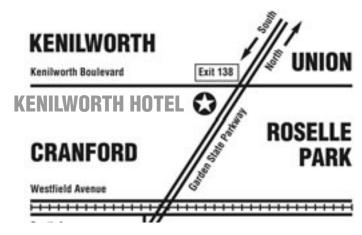
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Activities offered on an age-appropriate basis help members learn about American history, government, historic preservation, conservation, community service and more. Members also gain valuable leadership experience conducting meetings and serving as delegates at state and national conferences.

The New Jersey C.A.R. state project for 2025-2026 is "Patriot Privateers," and focuses on the critical role of privateers off the New Jersey coast during the American Revolution. The goal is to create an educational marker to be placed along the New Jersey shore.

Pis-Cat-A-Qua Society C.A.R., hosted by the Elizabeth Snyder-Continental Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is seeking new members.

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The 2025–26 Wharton Arts season, themed Arise!, invites audiences and students alike to celebrate artistry, representation, inspiration, selfexpression, and empathy. Signature performances, community gatherings, and milestone events will honor the school's history while looking ahead to the next 40 years of impact.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNIVERSARY SEASON:

#### CAFÉ Choir Concerts

- November 19, 2025 and throughout the season | Wharton Black Box Theater Showcasing Wharton Arts' commitment to lifelong learning and creative aging with joyful, intergenerational music-making.

#### • Holiday Cabaret: Celebrating 40 Years of **Community Through the Arts**

- December 12, 2025Wharton Black Box Theater, Berkeley Heights A festive fundraiser and performance featuring PAS students and faculty, honoring four decades of transformative arts education.

#### • Wharton Players in Beetlejuice JR

- December 5–7, 2025 | Wharton Black Box Theater, Berkeley Heights

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Said Performing Arts School Director Deb Joyal, "Forty years ago, Judy Wharton founded a community to make performing arts education accessible to everyone. Today, we are deeply honored to carry on that legacy, providing a vast array of classes, performances, and events that

connect with students at every age and stage of communities. learning."

These special events join a rich season of concerts and programs from Wharton Arts' affiliated programs—the New Jersey Youth Symphony, New Jersey Youth Chorus, and Paterson Music Project—with signature performances including Lunar Rising: A Symphony in Light and Sound (October 18, 2025, UCPAC) and Galaxies of Joy: The Planets in Concert (December 13, 2025, UCPAC).

"Hitting this 40-year milestone is both a tribute to the vision of our founder, Judith Wharton, and a celebration of the extraordinary work of our current PAS director, Debra Joyal, under whose guidance our lifelong learning programs have flourished and our partnerships have grown far beyond the walls of our Berkeley Heights home," said Artistic Director Helen Cha-Pyo. I am deeply grateful to our dedicated faculty, staff, and students who make our school a welcoming, inspiring learning space for all.

"Wharton Arts began with a vision to make high-quality performing arts education accessible to all," said Executive Director Gina Caruso. "As we celebrate our 40th year, we honor the thousands of students, families, faculty, and supporters who have built this thriving community—and we look forward to shaping the next 40 years of creativity together."

The anniversary season will feature community celebrations, alumni gatherings, and opportunities for supporters to invest in Wharton's future. Proceeds from the Holiday Cabaret and other fundraising events directly support student scholarships, educational programs, and performance opportunities.

For tickets, sponsorships, and more information about Wharton Arts' 40th Anniversary season, visit WhartonArts.org.

Wharton Arts' mission is to offer accessible, high quality performing arts education that sparks personal growth and builds inclusive

Wharton Arts' vision is for a transformative performing arts education in an inclusive community to be accessible for everyone.

Wharton Arts is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit community performing arts education center serving nearly 2,000 students through a range of classes and ensembles. The 5 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Chorus, an auditioned choral ensemble program for students in grades 3–12, encourage a love and appreciation of choral music while nurturing personal growth and creative development. The 15 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, which serve over 500 students in grades 3-12 by audition, inspire young people to achieve musical excellence through high-level ensemble training and performance opportunities. Based in Paterson, the Paterson Music Project is an El Sistemainspired program of Wharton Arts that uses music education as a vehicle for social action by empowering and inspiring young people to achieve their full potential through the community experience of ensemble learning and playing. From Pathways classes for young children to Lifelong Learning programs for adults, the Wharton Performing Arts School has a robust musical theater and drama program and offers both private and group classes for instruments and voice for all ages and all abilities. With the belief in the positive and unifying influence of music and that performing arts education should be accessible to all people regardless of their ability to pay, Wharton Arts offers need-based scholarships.

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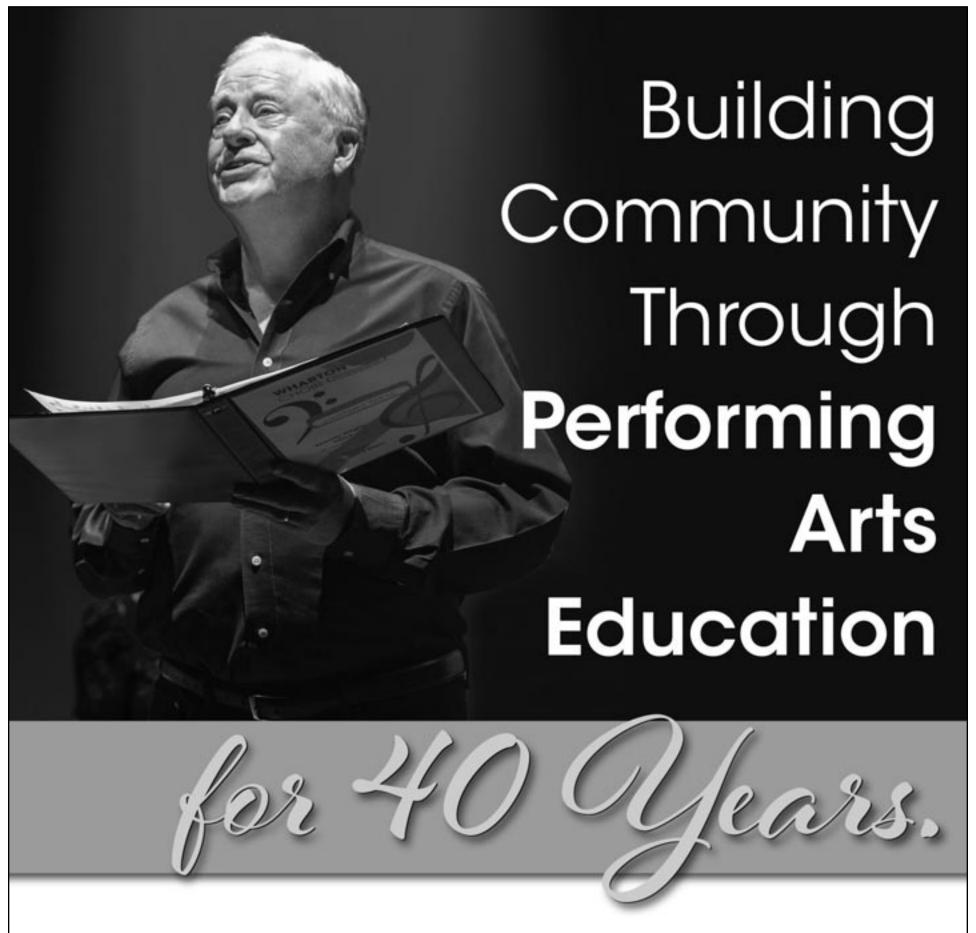
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Helen H. Cha-Pyo, Artistic Director

(above, l-r) John Keane, President NP Lions Club, Aidan Barth, and Abigail Franco, cofounders of LINC

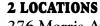
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### LIONS CLUB HOSTS LINC AT OCT MEETING

#### Submitted by john FX Keane

Aidan Barth and Abigail Franco, co-founders of LINC spoke to the New Providence Lions Club at their October 8, 2025 meeting about the programs they offer. LINC (Linking Initiative for Neighborhood Change) was founded in 2022 by Aidan Barth and Abigail Franco when they were students at NPHS. LINC offers a Resource Pantry program and a School Pantry program.

The Resource Pantry - Located at the United Methodist Church here in New Providence, the LINC Resource Pantry provides local families in need with a variety of essential items every month. On average, families walk away with between 40-50 lbs of food, hygiene products and cleaning supplies at each distribution.

The School Pantries - LINC launched the SchoolFuel Program in the NP School District to combat food insecurity. It offers students easy, anonymous access to a variety of fresh fruits, breakfast and lunch items as well as easy to make meal kits for students to take home, if they need.

The New Providence Lions Club was founded in May, 1969, supports local community groups through service projects, local high school scholarships as well as outright donations that benefit the community.

# **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT TWIN MAPLES**

The entire family is invited to one of the areas loveliest historic homes, Twin Maples in Summit, on Saturday or Sunday, December 6 and 7 to join Santa for food and fun. The weekend event is hosted by the Fortnightly Club of Summit to benefit historic preservation. Festivities begin at 9:15 a.m. each day with a delicious Holiday 'Breakfast with Santa' served in the beautifully decorated ballroom with catering by 'What a Dish.' For those who can't make it for breakfast, 'Brunch with Santa' will be served each day at 11:15 a.m. All seatings include a children's buffet, adult served meal, photos with Santa, live music and more. This year's beautiful holiday décor features a 'Nutcracker' theme, so don't be surprised to see Clara, the Sugar Plum Fairies and some really naughty mice. Tickets to Santa at Twin Maples can be purchased https://www.fortnightlyclub.org or through Eventbrite. Seating is limited. Pricing for Breakfast with Santa is \$45 for adults and \$20 for children. Highchairs are not available.

The weekend event benefits the preservation of Twin Maples, 214 Springfield Avenue, Summit, a property on the New Jersey and National Historic Registers. The house was designed and built by New York architect Alfred F. Norris in the Colonial Revival style in 1908 and resembles the White House. The Fortnightly Club purchased the property in 1949. Today, Twin Maples serves as a clubhouse and hosts many community events and fundraisers. The Fortnightly Club of Summit, a non-profit organization founded in 1893, offers women camaraderie and a full calendar of interesting events and volunteer opportunities. The Club supports the preservation of Twin Maples, education, the arts and humanitarian efforts. For over thirty-years the Club has awarded annual scholarships to deserving young, local women. Fortnightly Club's 104 members are from Summit and many neighboring towns. To join or for more information, visit the Club's website at www.fortnightlyclub.org.





(above) Santa visits with children at Twin Maples beside the Club's Annual Mitten Tree

## **NOVEMBER 2025 EVENTS - NEW PROVIDENCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

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#### **Teens Teaching: Electrical Engineering** November 2, 9, 16, 23 at 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Learn electronics and programming using Arduino Nano microcontrollers. Students will explore STEM concepts through fun, hands-on projects. Grades 4-10. Registration required.

#### **Knit Night/ Stay & Crochet**

November 3 at 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Drop by with a knitting or crochet project and chat with the group as you stitch.

#### **Virtual Talk**

November 3 at 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm A Brief History of the Thanksgiving Holiday This virtual lecture by Alex Clemente will include the development of various Thanksgiving traditions. Register online.

#### **Movie: Materialists**

November 4 at 1:00 pm - 2:55 pm A young New York City matchmaker finds herself torn between the perfect match and her imperfect ex. R, 2025.

#### **Teens Teaching: Teen Coding**

November 4 at 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Led by the NP Coding Club for grades 6-12. Gain experience in development, learning HTML, CSS, and JS. Registration required.

Bring a laptop.

#### **Virtual Author Talk**

November 5 at 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Author & Journalist Joseph Lee speaks about his memoir, Nothing More of This Land. Lee is a member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag, whose tribal land is Martha's Vineyard.

#### **Board Games at the Brewery**

November 6 at 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm Meet at Untied Brewing and head to the back room. Hosts Mark and Elizabeth will introduce you to a new game every month - or choose from other quick to learn games. Ages 21+.

#### **Library Concert**

November 9 at 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm The Cover Girls, a local rock duo, will perform patriotic songs for the Veterans Day holiday.

#### Batter Up - Let's Talk Baseball

November 10 at 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Discuss teams, players and issues of the sport with other baseball fans. Join in person or register for the zoom link.

#### **Introduction to Medicare - Virtual Talk** November 12 at 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Medicare questions answered in this virtual talk and learn the basics of Medicare from a certified SHIP counselor. Register online .

#### **Audiobook Walking Club**

November 12 at 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Listen to an audiobook as we walk a 1.5 mile path around the NP Pool, then chat and share recommendations after.

#### **Evening Book Club**

November 13 at 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm We'll discuss This Indian Kid by Eddie Chuculate. Copies at the front desk.

#### **Virtual Author Talk - Novelist Amanda Peters**

November 14 at 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Amanda Peters discusses her bestselling novel, The Berry Pickers.

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#### **Teens Craft - Rainbow Wall Hanging**

November 15 at 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Join us to make a rainbow wall hanging with yarn. Registration required.

#### Reception and Demo Nancy Ori, Photographer

November 16 at 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Artist whose photographs are on exhibit and watch her demo hand-coloring techniques.

#### **New Jersey Owls**

November 17 at 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm Naturalist presents a lecture on owls in NJ. NP Garden Club's monthly meeting follows.

#### **Morning Book Club**

November 18 at 10:30 am - 11:30 am Join us to discuss Cultish: the Language of Fanaticism by Amanda Montell.

#### **Movie: Old Guy**

November 18 from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm An aging hitman is forced to train a young prodigy when his employer moves to replace him. This action/comedy from 2024 is rated R.

### **Virtual Talk - Author Charles Duhigg**

November 18 at 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Bestselling author Charles Duhigg presents the ultimate guide on how to communicate and connect with anyone. Register online to watch the recording or the livestream.

#### Sign ups - December Teen Take Out Boxes November 20 after 3:00 pm

Teen Take Out is a monthly box of fun for grades 6-12. Register online for pick ups on December 18.

#### **Play Reading Group**

November 20 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm We'll read Primary Trust, the Pulitzer-Prize winning play by Eboni Booth, out loud. Listeners are welcome. Copies provided.

#### **Knit Night/ Stay & Crochet**

November 20 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm Drop by with a knitting or crochet project and chat with the group as you stitch.

#### **DIY Book Page Ornament**

November 22 from 10:30 - 11:30 am Fill an ornament with curled book pages strips. Free, materials provided. Register online.

#### **Silent Book Club**

November 24 from 7:00 - 7:45 pm Welcome to introvert happy hour. It's BYOBook. Read together in quiet camaraderie in the armchairs in the quiet zone.

#### **Haunting Chapters Book Club**

November 25 at 7:00 -8:00 pm We'll discuss Motherthing by Ainslie Hogarth. Copies at front desk.

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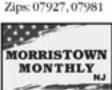




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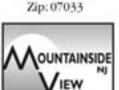


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#### **Senior Citizens Club weekly meetings**

Wednesdays at 11:00am

For program details and a full calendar please visit newprov.us/278/Seniors.

#### Club Meeting, Birthdays & Native American Heritage presentation

Wednesday, November 5 at 11:00am member of the Navajo/Cherokee nations will share the Ojibwe Jingle Dress dance and several Native American legends

#### Club Meeting & SHIP Medicare presentation Wednesday, November 12 at 11:00am

Club Meeting & SHIP Medicare presentation - SAGE Eldercare SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) Manager will cover Medicare plans, open enrollment, and recent policy updates

#### **Bagels and Bingo**

Friday, November 14

Bagels and Bingo, bagels provided by Vitality Health Care at 10:30am, bingo at 11:00am

# Club Meeting & Joel Farkas program Wednesday, November 19 at 11:00am

Club Meeting & Joel Farkas program on "The Pilgrims and the Mayflower" - lecture will cover Henry VIII to the Pilgrims, the Mayflower, and the first Thanksgiving, as well as the woman who helped make it happen

#### **Painting with Veronica**

Thursday, November 20 at 11:30am (space is limited)

#### Book Club (The Dog Stars by Peter Heller) Tuesday, November 25 at 11:00am,

Club Meeting & Special Bingo
Wednesday, November 26 at 11:00am



(above) Seniors got creative with fall themed crafts.

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