

New Providence Senior Citizens Newsletter

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COORDINATOR'S CORNER

- It's tax time! **AARP's tax preparation service** (TCE) will be available to help seniors and low-income qualifying individuals on Mondays and Saturdays at the center from February 11 through April 15. Make your appointment beginning February 1 because April 15 will be here before we know it! Additional program information is on page 3.
- On Monday, February 18 at noon, help support your club and have a great time at the **Washington's Birthday Card & Games Fundraiser**. For \$7, enjoy Bridge, Scrabble, dice, Mahjongg, dominoes and whatever else you might like. Sign-up at the center, encourage your friends to come (the more the merrier!), and bring a snack to share.
- Jennie Andrews returns on Friday, February 22 to explore our memories of **handcrafts that we have done and ghost stories of the Pocono region**. We'll order lunches (\$5) for those who'd like one. See the sign-up sheet for details.
- The **Medical Alert** program needs some help! This very important service helps seniors feel secure and signals for help in case of an emergency. Folks are needed to help with installation, maintenance and repair. Please take a look at Jack Spencer's article on page 3, and consider donating your time for this worthy endeavor.
- This month, the UCC **Selected Topics in Biology** course will meet at 10:30AM on the following days: Mondays, February 4, 11 & 25, and on Friday, February 22.
- Keep your eyes open for the **2013 Activities Calendar**. The committee has been working hard to arrange fun events and trips for us this year.
- Have you noticed the **new fire doors**? Union County's Community Development Block Grant contributed \$4,300 toward them, with the balance paid by the borough. Another example of your tax dollars at work!



- The Montclair Museum's Georgia O'Keefe exhibit and tour was beautiful and informative. Thanks to Christine Napolitano for organizing it.
- We are grateful to Janice Gironda, our PHN, for arranging for Overlook Hospital's Health Avenues Van to visit us and check our blood glucose levels.
- Thanks to Billy Cucco we welcomed the Chinese Year of the Water Snake a little early with a delicious luncheon at Szechuan Delight.
- Thanks to the NP Memorial Library for the donation of many boxes of large print books. Thanks, too, to our librarians Terry Allococo, Nan Cirelli and Florence Gordon who categorized and unpacked them all onto our newly purchased book shelves. Good job!
- Volunteers Mary Courtien and Gerri Madsen and a few members were kind enough to "undecorate" the center and put away all the holiday items.

NP SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

15 East Fourth St.
New Providence, NJ 07974
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www.newprov.org/seniorcenter

*A welcoming place for
New Providence residents,
ages 55 and up, to gather
and to enjoy events,
programs and each other.*

Center Coordinator
Peggy Brodeur

HOURS
Mondays: 11 AM-4 PM
Tuesdays-Fridays:
10 AM-4 PM

NP SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

*An organization dedicated
to providing social &
enriching activities & events for
New Providence seniors.*

Trustees
Chair: Maxine Hirsch
Marty Ammenwerth,
Pat Connolly, Jim Coyne,
Kay DeMarco, Enid Doyle,
Jean Holmes, Harry Kundrat,
Grace Parlapiano,
Rosemarie Sommo & Doris Velez

Club Officers
President: Bernice Liquori
Vice Pres.: Christine Napolitano
Treasurer: Lucia Leao
1st Treasurer: Clara DelMonte
2nd Treasurer: Delores Felezzola

*Contact these members with any
questions regarding your club!*

TRIPS, ACTIVITIES & MEETINGS

Tickets for events may be purchased at the Center on Wednesdays from 9:45 to 10:45 AM.

Please visit or call the Center at 665-0046 if you need to cancel a reservation. Do not transfer a reservation—it will not be honored.

Check the calendar for ongoing activities!

- ☆ **Wed. Feb. 6 / 11AM: Meeting**—Ed Fleischman and the NP Middle and High School Strings perform as we celebrate the February birthdays.
- ☆ **Wed. Feb. 13 / 11AM: Meeting**—The story of and activities for Valentines Day with Christine & Harry.
- ✉ **Mon. Feb. 18 / Noon-4PM: Washington's Birthday Card Party**—Join in on cards, dominoes, Scrabble, Mahjongg and other favorite games at this annual fund raiser. Cost: \$7.
- ☆ **Wed. Feb. 20 / 11AM: Meeting**—TBA.
- 😊 **Fri. Feb. 22 / Noon: Remember When with Jennie**—Discuss handcrafts you do or used to do, and learn about Pocono ghost stories. Register in advance and sign-up for lunch (\$5), if you wish.
- ☆ **Wed. Feb. 27 / 11AM: Meeting**—TBA.
- ☆ **Wed. March 6 / 11AM: Meeting**—Christine shares her knowledge about birds. Stay to paint bird houses at 1PM.
- 🎭 **Sun. March 10 / 1:30PM: Trip to Stony Hill Players Performance**—Take the bus to see the Stony Hill Players' performance of Agatha Christies' classic mystery *Cards on the Table*. Cost: TBA.
- 🍀 **Tue. Mar 12 / 5PM: St. Patrick's Dinner**—Celebrate the Irish in all of us with a traditional Irish meal at the center. More information to come.
- ☆ **Wed. March 13 / 11AM: Meeting**—Susan Kirkland's talented students sing selections from the high school's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. (NPHS performances are on the weekend.)
- 🎰 **Tue. March 19 / 10:30AM: Trip to Mt. Airy Casino**—Enjoy a day out at this popular casino destination. Cost: \$20.
- ☆ **Wed. March 20 / 11AM: Meeting**—Harry joins Christine in sharing bird trivia with us.
- 🚌 **Wed. March 20 / 12:30PM: Trip to the Raptor Trust (Great Swamp, Basking Ridge)**—Hear about the process of caring for injured birds so that they can be returned to the wild. Cost: \$15.
- ☆ **Wed. March 27 / 11AM: Meeting**—Learn about birds of NJ and which plants attract the birds. Stay to make feeders and bird nest cookies.
- 🚌 **Thu. March 28 / 10AM: Trip to Newark Destinations**—Excursion to see Branch Brook Park's beautiful cherry blossoms, Sacred Heart Cathedral and to the Spanish Manor for lunch. Cost: TBA.
- ❗ **CENTER CLOSED—FRIDAY, MARCH 29 FOR GOOD FRIDAY**

MOVIE MARQUEE

FEBRUARY'S FREE MOVIES AT THE NP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Tuesdays at 9:30AM & 2PM

Foreign Films

- ★ • February 5: *Ruby Sparks*
- ★ • February 12: *Trouble with the Curve*
- ★ • February 19: *The Odd Life of Timothy Green*
- ★ • February 26: *The Amazing Spider-Man*

Coco Before Chanel—Thursday, February 7 at 2PM
(French with English subtitles)

Cinema Paradiso—Tuesday, February 26 at 6:30PM
(Italian with English subtitles)

FREE HELP WITH 2012 TAX RETURNS

AARP-TCE counselors will be available at the center to assist individuals of low to moderate incomes in the preparation and filing of their 2012 taxes:

Mondays & Saturdays, 9AM-3PM

Monday February 11 through Monday April 15.

One hour appointments may be made by visiting or calling the center weekdays beginning February 1 from 10:30AM to 4PM. Walk-ins will be seen only if counselors are available.

Filers must arrive 15 minutes early to complete paperwork. If filing a joint return, both taxpayers must be present to authorize the electronic filing.

Returns will be filed electronically from the center, and each client will receive a paper copy.

The following documents need to be brought to the appointment:

- Photo identification (if possible) and social security cards
- Copies of 2011 Federal & State returns
- All 2012 W-2s, including Forms 1099-R, 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B and SSA-1099
- NJ 2011 Property Tax Bills
- Amount of rent paid in 2012, if applicable
- Your bank routing number and account number if you want your refund paid into or payment withdrawn from a checking or savings account
- Any other relevant documents.

QUOTES FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY

George Washington: Let him who looks for a monument to Washington look around the United States. Your freedom, your independence, your national power, your prosperity, and your prodigious growth are a monument to him. ~ Louis Kossuth

Abraham Lincoln: A statesman of the school of common sense, and a philanthropist of the most practical type, a patriot without a superior—his monument is a country preserved.

~ C.S. Harrington

A MEDICAL ALERT REPORT From Jack Spencer

The Medical Alert program has 50 units in operation but is in dire need of help (one or two males or females) to install and service the units. Medical Alert units are vital to people living alone when a medical or other emergency occurs and they are unable to reach the telephone to call for help.

The past two years the borough suffered severe power outages, and the program was faced with fifty units out of service. When power was restored, the repair job fell on the shoulders of Jim Coyne. He did a remarkable job getting the units back in service and deserves our thanks and congratulations.

Normally it takes approximately 30 minutes to install the unit, and there are annual follow-up maintenance visits of about 15 minutes each.

A priority is to be prepared for the loss of power for the borough. Applicants will be thoroughly trained and will accompany Jim until they are ready to do the installations, maintenance and repairs themselves.

Please call me, Jack Spencer, if you can help fill this void: 908-665-1342. Thank you!

Reflections on Friendship

Friendship is the golden thread
that ties all hearts together.

A friend is someone who knows
the song in your heart
and can sing it back to you
when you have forgotten the words.

A good exercise for the heart
is to bend down and help another up.

Friends are like four leaf clovers,
hard to find, lucky to have.

If all my friends jumped off a cliff,
I wouldn't jump with them.
I would be at the bottom
to catch them.

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