

New Providence Senior Citizens Newsletter

"Good things happen here!"

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COORDINATORS CORNER

Believe in the MAGIC of the season

And here we are in the midst of the holiday season! My hope is that you and your families enjoy all that the season brings. I look forward to the various events that are happening at the center that will get us all celebrating!

The New Providence Board of Education gave us "Senior Citizen Guest Cards" for all seniors. This card enables seniors to attend any event at the school free of charge – wow! See Therese or Michelle if you would like a card.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, December 6th is our Holiday Party! Elmer's provides the food, and the Middle School Girls Choir will perform. The final day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, November 29th. Come out and share in this tradition.
- Saturday, December 10th at 1:00pm, the United Methodist Church performs their Christmas Cantata at the center. This is an exciting event that shouldn't be missed! Refreshments will be served.
- Wednesday, December 20th, the NPHS Sociology class joins us at our meeting to conduct interviews with our seniors. I am grateful for all the school does for the seniors, and this is a way for us to return the favor. Besides, these kids need to know what life was like for you in the past and what it is like for you in the present! There is no better education.
- Thursday, December 7th is the trip to Jersey Gardens outlet mall. It is a great place to shop for the holidays!
- Tuesday, December 12th at 11am we address holiday cards for seniors that are no longer able to come to the center. Please join us.
- Thursday, December 14th Jennie Andrews leads "Remember When" holiday traditions.

Reminders

- The Union County College LIFE class ends on Monday, December 4th.
- "In Control" and "Chair Yoga" run through Monday, December 18th.

THANK YOU...

- Bill Wehrle for organizing the trip to Union Methodist Church for an uplifting concert of religious music performed by their choir.
- NPHS students and faculty for hosting a delightful Senior Citizens Day.
- Peggy Brodeur for organizing the Veterans Day Remembrance, the American Legion for hosting it, and the NPSCC members who baked.
- The Middle School Art Club for decorating the center for the holidays.
- Ernie Gonczlik and Rich Dimler for calling Bingo in November.

NP Senior Citizens Club

An organization dedicated to providing social & enriching activities & events for New Providence residents 55 years and beyond.

Trustees

Chair: Carolyn Foran
Kathy Hendrickson, Ed Insinger,
Peggy Macneal, Joe Masino, Tina
Morielli, Grace Parlapiano, Bette
Schmitt, Wilma Silwones, Bill
Wehrle

Club Officers

President: Christine Napolitano
Vice Pres.: Harry Kundrat
Treasurer: Sal Ligammary
1st Treasurer: Clara DelMonte
2nd Treasurer: Delores Felezzola
Sergeants-at-Arms: Don Kern,
Mike Ferlise

Contact these members with any questions regarding your club!

DeCorso Community Center

15 East Fourth St.
New Providence, NJ 07974
908-665-0046

www.newprov.org/seniorcenter

A welcoming place for New Providence residents to gather and to enjoy its events and programs as well as our neighbors and friends.

Center Co-Coordinators

Therese Dalton
Michelle Zack

Hours

Monday-Friday: 9:30am - 2:30pm

Newsletter Staff

Peggy Brodeur
Joan Clark
Clara DelMonte
Barbara Koslap
Wilma Silwones

Trips, Activities & Meetings

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

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
& schedule changes!**

- Fri., Dec 1, 7:00pm: **Night of a Thousand Stars** – Community-wide holiday celebration at Centennial Park. Contribute a gift card or a donation at the CSA table at the event to help NP families in need.
- Tues, Dec 5, 1:00pm: Set up for Holiday Dinner. **THERE IS NO MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6th.**
- Wed., Dec 6, 5:00-8:00pm: **Holiday Dinner** – Enjoy a delicious dinner with beautiful music provided by the NPMS Girls Chorus. Please bring a nonperishable item to be donated to the OLP Food Pantry. Cost: \$24. Purchase tickets by 11/29. Advance sign up for the dinner and for bus pickup is required.
- Thurs., Dec 7, 10:00am-3:00pm: **Jersey Gardens Mall Trip** – Beautiful seasonal decorations and great holiday shopping at New Jersey's largest outlet and value retail center. Cost \$2.00. Sign up in advance.
- Thurs., Dec 7, 7:00pm: **"After Hours" Holiday Party** – Winter holiday traditions and foods.
- Sat., Dec 9, 11:00am-4:00pm: **American Legion Cookie Walk** – Buy delicious treats for the holiday season.
- Sat., Dec 9, 1:00pm: **Christmas Cantata** - The Union Methodist Church Choir is coming to the center to share beautiful holiday music. Enjoy this wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season. Light refreshments will be served. Please sign up in advance.
- Sun., Dec 10, 10:00am-4:00pm: **CSA Holiday Boutique** – Check out local vendors and support a great cause. It's the perfect time to do your last-minute holiday shopping, find teacher gifts, and more!
- Tues., Dec 12, 11:00am: **Address Holiday Greeting Cards** – Share the spirit of the season and join us as we address holiday cards for our absent members. Please sign up if you plan to help.
- *Wed., Dec 13, 11:00am: **Meeting** – Mike Ferlise will give a presentation on “**Christmas Trains**” and bring in some model trains from his extensive collection. We will also elect Officers and Trustees and celebrate December Birthdays. Chatham Hills will call Bingo.*
- Thurs., Dec 14, 12:00noon: **“Remember When” Holiday Party** – Jennie Andrews will lead a discussion about favorite holiday memories and memorabilia. Please sign up in advance and bring a snack or a beverage.
- *Wed., Dec 20, 11:00am: **Meeting** –The Sociology Class from NPHS will visit the center to interview NPSCC members. Please participate in these delightful discussions with the students.*

THE CENTER WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, DEC 22ND THROUGH MONDAY, JAN 1ST.

- *Wed., Jan 3, 11:00am: **Meeting** – Ellie Ferrar will give a presentation on **Ryde 4 Life**, a transportation program for seniors. We will also have the Installation of our new Officers and Trustees.*
- *Wed., Jan 10, 11:00am: **Meeting** – Enjoy the delightful sounds of one of the New Providence **Elementary School Strings Ensembles**.*
- *Wed., Jan 17, 11:00am: **Meeting** – Attorney Joe Tiboni will give a presentation on “**The Use of Trusts to Shelter Houses from Long Term Care Costs**”.*
- *Wed., Jan 24, 11:00am: **Meeting** – NPSCC member, Leo Piovano, will give another wonderful lecture in his series of talks on famous artists. This time, we will learn about “**Michael Angelo’s Art**”.*
- *Wed., Jan 31, 11:00am: **Meeting** – Kathy Larkin will give a talk on the “**The Services that SAGE Eldercare Offers**”. They are one of the few providers in the nation – and the only one in New Jersey – to provide a full range of eldercare services under one roof.*

AMERICAN LEGION COOKIE WALK

The American Legion Cookie Walk Benefit/Fundraiser will take place at the Legion Hall on Saturday, December 9, from 11:00am–4:00pm or until they run out of cookies. For a \$5.00 donation you get your choice of delicious, traditional, homemade cookies in a decorative, recyclable, holiday motif box. Proceeds benefit The Christopher B. Cosgrove III, USMC Memorial Fund.

If you would like to help out by contributing cookies to the cause, please deliver them to the American Legion Hall by 10:00am.

NPSCC FOOD DRIVE

We are holding a food drive at the center starting the Monday after Thanksgiving. The donated items will be given to the Our Lady of Peace food pantry to be distributed to needy families. Please bring nonperishable food items to the center when you attend any of our activities, exercise classes, and meetings and/or when you come to the Holiday Dinner. Thank you for your generosity.

NIGHT OF A THOUSAND STARS

The New Providence Diversity Committee will be holding a Community Tree Lighting Event at Centennial Park on Friday, December 1 at 7:00pm. Make a donation or bring a gift card from any retailer to the CSA table at the event and you can hang a star with your name on their tree. There will be free hot chocolate, music, live entertainment and a surprise visit by LeBefana with treats for all the good children!

AROUND TOWN...**NEW PROVIDENCE MEMORIAL LIBRARY (NPML)**

Holiday Concert – Faculty and students from Elefante Music will present holiday classics. Come early and get a good seat. Sun., Dec 3, 3:00pm.

Troubleshoot and Clean Up Your Computer – Get rid of pop ups and viruses. Bring your mobile device. Tues., Dec 5, 7:30pm and Thurs., Dec 14, 7:30pm.

Baseball Club – Anyone with an interest in baseball is welcome to come and talk about your favorite team, players or just listen. Mon., Dec 11, 7:00pm.

Memoir Writing Workshop – Join local author and experienced teacher Joann Jackovino for a 3-part workshop. Sat., Dec 2, 9, and 16. Call 908.665-0311 to pre-register.

NEW PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL

NPHS Holiday Concert - Wed., Dec 13, 7:30pm.

NEW PROVIDENCE DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

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DECORSO CENTER

CSA Holiday Boutique – Do your last-minute holiday shopping and support a great cause! Sun., Dec 10, 10:00am-4:00pm.

AMERICAN LEGION HALL

Cookie Walk – For a \$5.00 donation you get your choice of delicious homemade cookies. Saturday, Dec 9, 11:00am-4:00pm or until cookies run out.

MOVIE MARQUEE**DECEMBER MOVIES AT THE NP MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

The 2 PM showing will have subtitles for the hearing impaired.

Tuesdays at 9:30am & 2:00pm

Dec 5 – *The Glass Castle*

Dec 12 – *Gifted*

Dec 19 – *Where God Left His Shoes*

Dec 26 – No movie today. The library is closed.

Foreign Films

Weds., Dec 6 at 2:00pm – *The Eagle Huntress (in Kazakh with English subtitles)*

Mon., Dec 25 at 7:00pm – No movie today. The library is closed.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

JCP&L

Equal Payment Plan (EPP) offers the convenience of making consistent monthly payments and avoiding the normal seasonal highs and lows in the electric bill. Customers are billed one-twelfth of their annual estimated usage. The account is reviewed after eight months to determine if the payment should be changed to better reflect the actual usage.

Extended Due Date for customers who are at least 60 years old and receive a Social Security or pension check, or the customer receives disability assistance. This program will extend the payment due date until after the check arrives.

Extended Payment Plan is for customers who find it difficult to pay their electric bill on time; an extended payment plan will maintain service while making payments more suited to the financial situation.

Critical Customer Care Program identifies customers who use certain electrically operated life sustaining medical equipment in their home. The program helps customers, for whom a service interruption could be immediately life threatening, prepare for planned and/or unplanned power outages.

For more information on JCP&L Assistance Programs, call 1.800.662.3115; TTY/TTD 1.800.221.0479.

New Jersey Comfort Partners

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and gas and electric companies have joined together under New Jersey's Clean Energy Program to save customers money by making homes/apartments more energy efficient. To participate in this program, the applicant must be receiving LIHEAP, Lifeline, PAAD, Section 8 housing, SSI, TANF, and USF.

For more information, call 1.888.773.8326 or visit the website at www.njcleanenergy.com/CP.

<http://ucnj.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Outreach-Revised-2015.pdf>

Congratulations to Colleen Byrne on her retirement from the New Providence Memorial Library. Reference Librarian, Lisa Florio, is serving as Interim Director until the Borough of New Providence finds a new Director. We wish Colleen the best of luck and much happiness!

Recipe for Christmas All Year Long

Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in life –
Each day a sweet surprise.

Mix in fond appreciation
For the people whom we know;
Like festive Christmas candles,
Each one has a special glow.

Add some giggles and some laughter,
A dash of Christmas food,
(Amazing how a piece of pie
Improves our attitude!)

Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it up in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
Our joy will never cease.

If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in the Christmas Spirit
Even when it's not December.

By Joanna Fuchs

Clean Christmas Puns

What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?
A cookie sheet!

How did Scrooge win the football game?
The ghost of Christmas passed.

What did Adam say the day before Christmas?
It's Christmas, Eve!

What do lions sing at Christmas?
Jungle bells.

DECEMBER FACTS

Birthstone: Turquoise & Blue Topaz

Flower: Narcissus & Holly

Zodiac Signs: Sagittarius Nov 22 – Dec 21) & Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Holidays and Observances:

Pearl Harbor Remembrance – Dec 7

Hanukkah (Start) – Dec 12

Christmas – Dec 25

Kwanzaa (Start) – Dec 26

<http://www.wincalendar.com>

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Nov 26	Nov 27 8:30 In Control w/Myriam 10:30 Biology Class 11:00 Chair Yoga w/Judy 11:00 Newsletter 12:30 Bridge	Nov 28 9:00 Bus to ShopRite 9:45 Balance/Conditioning w/Mike 10:45 Book Club 1:00 Tai Chi w/Ayriel 2:00 Converse Italian	Nov 29 9:30 Blood Pressure 10:00 Bus to Club 11:00 Clear Captions 12:30 Bingo/Cards	Nov 30 9:30 Fit & Healthy Exercise w/Myriam 12:00 Center Decoration 12:30 <u>NO</u> Bridge 12:30 Mah Jongg	1 9:00 Bus to Mall 9:15 Zumba w/Donna 10:00 Bridge 12:30 Pizza Bingo 7:00pm Night of a Thousand Stars	2
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