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NP NEWS
Fall 2018

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2018 Leaf Collection

Residents will have three (3) options for leaf collection this fall:

1. **Put leaves in cans, open containers, or paper bags and place at curbside for Monday collection.** Leaves, grass, brush, and garden debris are collected every Monday through December 10. Items must be placed at curb prior to 5AM.

2. **You may purchase a permit to have your leaves vacuumed from the curb.** Permit cost is $55.00. (Fee is waived for seniors who receive a $250 Senior Deduction, Disabled Person Deduction, or Widow of Senior/Disabled Person Deduction. Please note the Senior Deduction is not the same as the Property Tax Reimbursement or the Homestead Credit, and qualified individuals must meet income and age requirements set by State of NJ. To verify eligibility you may contact the Borough Clerk's Office 908-665-1400 x0.)

   Residents on Union County Roads – If you live on Springfield Avenue, South Street, Passaic Street, or Mountain Avenue, leaves will be vacuumed by the Union County Public Works Department. Schedule will be on www.newprov.org when available. Please do not purchase a permit unless your house is on a corner and you specify the Borough Street where your leaves will be placed.

3. **Have your landscaper collect leaves.** Landscapers are responsible for disposal of leaves and are not permitted to dump at DPW. If your landscaper plans to blow leaves into the curb they must follow the pickup schedule for your street and pay for a permit to have them vacuumed.

If you wish to purchase a permit your options are as follows:
a) PAY ONLINE at www.newprov.org and print your permit.
b) Complete application and mail or bring with payment to the Municipal Center:
Clerk's Office
360 Elkwood Avenue
New Providence, NJ 07974
c) Call the Borough Clerk's Office and pay with credit card over the phone 908-665-1400 x0 (permit will be mailed to you).

2018 Leaf Collection Schedule

Leaves will be vacuumed starting the following weeks (weather permitting)

Summit Line to South Street (East Side)

Week of:
October 22, 2018
November 5, 2018
November 26, 2018

South Street to Berkeley Heights Line (West Side)

Week of:
October 29, 2018
November 12, 2018
December 3, 2018

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2018 Leaf Collection Application

Deadline to purchase permit: Monday, Nov. 19

Fee: $55.00 **(*see below for fee waiver qualifications)**

Name: _____

Address: _____
**See below regarding County maintained roads

E-mail: _____

Phone: **Home:** _____ **Cell:** _____

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OR

MAIL OR BRING THIS APPLICATION TO: Borough Clerk's Office
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Payment can be made in the form of cash, check or credit card. Credit card payments can be made online at www.newprov.org, in person at the Clerk's Office, or over the phone 908-665-1400 x0. If paying by check, please make checks payable to: "Borough of New Providence" If paying by cash please provide exact change.

FIRST FREECYCLEFEST GIANT *"GARAGE SALE"*

FreecycleFest New Providence

Where Everything is Free!

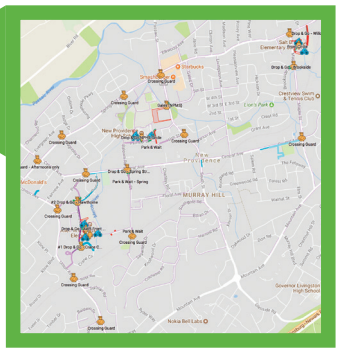
American Legion Post, Elkwood Ave.
Saturday, September 29, 9am-4pm

Sustainable New Providence will be hosting New Providence's first FreecycleFest, an event where members of the community can donate used (but working/usable) items that other people can take and reuse for free! Acceptable items include: small appliances and kitchen items (pots and pans), small furniture, toys, books, pet-related items, craft supplies, holiday items, gently used clothing, jewelry, and electronics. Think of it as a giant garage sale without the "sale". It's a great way to empty your house of things you no longer use and get something you may need and won't have to buy. For more hints on Freecyling items, see https://tinyurl.com/FreecycleFest

SUSTAINABLE NEW PROVIDENCE
An Advisory Committee of the Borough of New Providence

For more information about whether something is acceptable or any other questions, or to volunteer to help, please contact us at FreecycleFestNP@gmail.com .

Safe Routes to School



Do you know which of New Providence schools' 19 DROP-n-GO locations are best for your family? Plan your safe route to any one of the New Providence schools by going to this link: **http://www.stemshoots.com/maps**

There are maps for the best locations to PARK-n-WALK, PARK-n-WAIT, all 19 DROP-n-GO locations, time saving tips, crossing guard locations and times, bike racks, school entrances and times, and PTA/PTSA/PTO links.

Take the Community Health Survey

The Westfield Regional Health Department has developed a survey in an effort to collect local health data from our residents. (The New Providence Board of Health is affiliated with the Westfield Regional Health Department). The Westfield Regional Health Department intends to use the survey responses to create a community health improvement plan for the areas that it serves. If you are interested in creating a healthier, happier and even more vibrant community, please take a moment to complete the survey below to make your voice count.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R2G5BMS

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Recycle Coach Mobile App

NOW AVAILABLE

Union County has launched Recycle Coach, a free app designed to help make recycling and solid waste information more accessible to County residents and engage the public in the principles of "Reduce, Re-use and Recycle."

Recycle Coach provides accurate, up-to-date information on New Providence recycling schedules and Union County recycling events in a handy, user-friendly mobile format.

The app provides personalized collection schedules based on place of residence. Once a resident downloads Recycle Coach, their calendar will list local curbside garbage and recycling schedules and any special Union County recycling events. The app will also advise if there are changes in local collections due to holidays or weather.

Recycle Coach users can also set up recycling reminders and improve their recycling rates through a "What Goes Where?" search tool.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is the first state to purchase the Recycle Coach app and make it available to all New Jersey residents free of charge.

The Recycle Coach app download is available free of charge on the Google Play and Apple Store. Residents can also access the download through the borough website at newprov.org/recycle-coach.

2018 New Providence Street Fair

The annual New Providence Street Fair will be in downtown New Providence on **Sunday, October 28, 2018 ,**rain or shine. The fair, presented by the NJ Sharing Network, will be held on Springfield Avenue, between South Street and Livingston Avenue, from 10 AM until 5 PM.

The family-oriented street festival offers attractions for everyone, young and old. As in previous years, the event provides arts and entertainment for the kids, such as kiddie rides, pony rides, a petting zoo, balloons and a clown performer. The attendees are also able to enjoy great fair food like sausage and pepper sandwiches, hot dogs, shish-k-bobs, zeppoles, butterfly fries, kettle corn, ice cream and more. The event also offers food from local establishments and Business Community members. Street vendors present many unique items at great prices and local non-profit organizations host contests and games for all attendees.

This year, our great scarecrows will be decorating the downtown during the Street Fair. You can view them and then vote for your favorite. Ballots and ballot boxes will be available at participating downtown businesses.

See you at the fair!

DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT

Downtown New Providence merchants invite all ghosts, goblins, princesses, and other characters to come downtown to trick-or-treat in their costumes on **Saturday, October 27, from 1-3 PM.** Stores with orange pumpkins on their doors or in their windows will greet trick-or-treaters with candy and fun surprises.

Join Us at the 2018 Holiday Festival!

The New Providence Business Community and the borough have teamed up once again to host the annual Holiday Festival. Presented by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, this event will take place on **Friday evening, Nov. 23 from 5 – 7 PM**. New Providence businesses will also be participating in Small Business Saturday on Nov. 24. The Holiday Festival will take place in downtown New Providence, but at a new location this year. Springfield Ave., Adams Shopping Center parking lot, and part of the Village Shopping Center parking lot will be closed for the event on Friday night. Streets and businesses will be open the next day with specials and offers for Small Business Saturday.

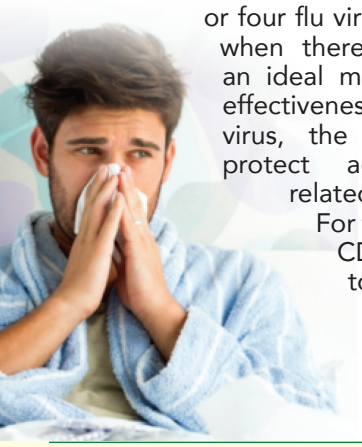
In addition to the traditional Christmas Walk with Santa's arrival and the marching band, the Holiday Festival will feature winter celebrations and customs from around the world, entertainment, activities, giveaways, ice sculptures, and more! The evening will culminate with a fantastic fireworks show sponsored by NP Fuel. Local businesses are also participating with entertainment, free treats, and more!

"The Holiday Festival is a great event in town," said Michelle Brugger, President of the New Providence Business community. "We are always looking for ways to thank the people who support us throughout the year, and this is a great way to do that. We wanted to plan a huge event to say a huge thank you. We hope everyone will come down to enjoy the festivities!"

Additional information about the Holiday Festival can be found at www.newprovbiz.com and www.newprov.org. Check back for information, updates and a festival map as the event gets closer.

The 2018-2019 Influenza Season

In the U.S. epidemics of the seasonal flu occur each year. While it is expected that the flu virus will spread every year, it is difficult to predict the timing, length and severity of each flu season, as well as the particular flu viruses that will be circulating. Although much research goes into studying what flu viruses will likely be most common during the season, experts must decide which viruses to include in the vaccine many months in advance in order for the vaccine to be produced and delivered on time. So it is understandable that it is difficult to predict with certainty if the vaccine will be a good match to the flu viruses circulating each year.



What is important to know is that the Influenza vaccine contains three or four flu viruses and even when there is less than an ideal match or lower effectiveness against one virus, the vaccine may protect against other related flu viruses. For this reason the CDC continues to recommend flu vaccination as the first important step in protecting against this serious disease for everyone 6 months or older, especially for people at high risk for serious flu complications such as older people, young children, pregnant women, and people with certain medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes or heart disease.

Because of the unpredictability of timing of the onset of the influenza season and concerns that the vaccine induced immunity could wane or decrease over the course of a season, it is recommended that people be vaccinated with the 2018-2019 flu vaccine by the end of October if possible. But children aged 6 months through 8 years receiving the influenza vaccine for the first time will require 2 doses 4 weeks apart, so they should receive their first dose as soon as the flu vaccine is available to allow the second dose to be given before the end of October to develop vaccine immunity.

Although flu activity typically peaks between December and February, it can start as early as October and continue thru late May. So even if you decide to receive the flu vaccine later in the season it is never too late, especially if the flu viruses are still circulating in your community. The immunity to the influenza viruses acquired by either natural infection (illness) or vaccination decline over time in a person, also reinforcing the need to get vaccinated every year to provide the best protection.

People 65 years and older can receive the High-Dose influenza vaccine which has four times the amount of antigen contained in regular influenza flu shots. The additional antigen is intended to create a stronger immune response in the body, this is because aging can decrease the body's ability to have a good immune response after receiving influenza vaccine. While the CDC does recommend getting the flu shot annually to protect against the flu, it has not recommended or expressed a preference for people ages 65 and older to receive the High-Dose vaccine.

Athough the flu vaccine will provide you with the best protection, it is not the only line of defense. It is also important to follow good health habits in order to help keep the influenza virus away. Respiratory illness similar to the influenza illness are spread thru coughing, sneezing and unclean hands. It is very important to cover your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing in order to stop the spread of germs. And germs can spread when contaminated surfaces are touched and then brought to the eyes, mouth or nose. Remember there are many ways to fight back against the flu. And your motivation to develop a plan of care may help prevent the flu.

Mountain Valley Emergency Communications Urges Residents to Use Smart911 to Enhance Public Safety

Public Safety officials at the Mountain Valley Emergency Communications Center urge all New Providence residents to register for Smart911, the national public safety service to enhance 9-1-1 emergency services. Mountain Valley Emergency Communications Center provides 9-1-1 dispatch services for the City of Summit, Borough of New Providence and Township of Millburn.

Smart911 allows citizens to create a Safety Profile at www.smart911.com for their household that includes any information they want 9-1-1 and response teams to have in the event of an emergency. When a citizen makes an emergency call, their Safety Profile is automatically displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing them to send the right response teams to the right location with the right information.

Responders can be aware of many details they would not have known previously, and now fire crews can arrive at a house fire knowing how many people live in the home and the location of bedrooms; EMS can be advised of allergies or specific medical conditions; and police can have the photo of a missing child in seconds rather than minutes or hours.

With Smart911, citizens can link both home and work addresses to mobile phones, which can be passed on to responders in the field for more a detailed, rapid response. Additional information including pets in the home, vehicle details in the event of an accident, and even emergency contacts can all be included in a Safety Profile. All information is optional and the citizen has the ability to choose what details they would like to include.

Smart911 is currently available in 40 states and over 1,500 municipalities. It has been credited with positively impacting emergency situations and saving lives across the U.S., including a missing child case in Arkansas, a heart attack victim in Tennessee and a man trapped in a house fire in Michigan. As a national service, anytime a person with a Smart911 profile dials 9-1-1 in any location in the US that support Smart911, their profile will appear to dispatchers allowing for more information to be available at the time of an emergency.

Residents are encouraged to create their Safety Profile with Smart911 today to have their information immediately available to 9-1-1. Smart911 is private and secure, is only used for emergency responses, and only made available to the 9-1-1 system in the event of an emergency call. Log on to www.smart911.com to complete a profile.

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THANK YOU
Team Sponsors!

NP Rec counts on local businesses and community organizations to help keep our youth sports programs affordable and accessible. The following sponsors provided their generous support during the 2017 - 2018 school year:

My Gym Children's Fitness Center
New Providence Amateur Radio Club
New Providence P.B.A. Local 132
NP Fuel
Orangetheory Fitness
Providence Health & Fitness
Other Sports & Stuff, LLC
Skin Deep Salon & Spa
Sproutlings Childcare
Stashluk Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Generators
Summit Elks Lodge #1246
Tide Dry Cleaners
Weiss Security
Zita's Homemade Ice Cream
Advanced Financial Federal Credit Union
Avenue Deli
Barbera & Barbera Certified Public Accountants
Braunschweiger Jewelers
Chimney Rock Inn
D'Amico Landscaping & Construction
Davies Insurance Management
Dr. Bob Robinson, Orthodontist
Fitness Factory
Five Star Driving School
FLIP Consignment
Lantern Hill
Lions Club of New Providence
Lodge Linne #409 VOA

BECOME A SPONSOR!

- Choose Basketball, Baseball, or Softball
- Sponsor a specific team or in a specific league
- See your business name on team shirts, posted on the season Web site, and included in the "What's Happening in New Providence" e-newsletter
- Help provide fun for our town's youth

If your business or group would like to become a NP Rec Team Sponsor, please send an e-mail to klambert@newprov.org.

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Youth Basketball

~ In-town play that encourages a love of the sport ~

GRADES 1 & 2: SATURDAY FUNDAMENTALS
One-hour sessions devoted to basic skills, drills and fun scrimmages.

GRADE 3: INSTRUCTION & SCRIMMAGE
Two nights during the week devoted to developing skills, building confidence, and non-competitive play.

GRADES 4-8: LEAGUE PLAY
Two nights during the week devoted to expanding skills, learning strategy, and team play in a positive environment.

FINAL SCHEDULES BASED ON ENROLLMENT. Season starts late November and ends in early February for grades 1-3 and early March for grades 4-8.

REGISTER ONLINE WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12 – SUNDAY, OCT. 21.
Program details and the link to online registration can be found at www.newprov.org/recreation.

2018 Adult Fall Recreation Programs

Recreation is still accepting registrations for adult evening and day classes which run September 11th through December 21st.

Affordable programs are offered starting at 6 AM with Core Fitness (outdoors in good weather) followed by yoga, Zumba, pickleball, studio art, co-ed senior soccer, table tennis and more! Evening programs include Mix it Up! Exercise, women's volleyball, pick-up men's basketball, yoga and badminton. Table tennis is offered on the weekends. Most class fees are less than $100 for 13-14 classes. Several programs have NO fee for residents.

To see the complete adult program flyer, visit www.newprov.org/recreation. Use the online registration link to register. If you would like to try a class at no cost, please contact the Recreation office 908-464-4430.

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE UPDATE

And The Marie McNally New Providence Municipal Alliance Scholarships go to…

Each year the New Providence Alliance selects two students from the New Providence High School's graduating class that have shown strong leadership and demonstrated responsible decision making with respect to drug and alcohol use. These scholarships recognize the efforts of students who successfully navigate the challenging decisions all teens face given the prevalence of drinking and drug use amongst high school students. This year's recipients are great role models who have exhibited wonderful leadership and citizenship, and have been involved in community activities both in and out of school.

Alyssa Pina has volunteered at The Connection working with special needs children. She has also been involved with planning and organizing fundraising for Moms Helping Moms to get monies needed to make safe baby kits for low income mothers. Alyssa is continuing her education at Rutgers where she is majoring in Biology and Chemistry.

Mary Riccio has also been very active in her community. She was a Peer Leader in her church's youth ministry where she planned events, lead retreats, ran food drives and mentored younger teens. She also served on Overlook Hospital's Junior Board of Trustees. Mary is studying Architecture at New Jersey Institute of Technology.

The Alliance is proud to recognize the achievements of Alyssa and Mary and wishes them the best of luck in their future endeavors!

Municipal Alliance Volunteer Recognition Award

Each year, the Municipal Alliance recognizes one volunteer for special recognition which includes an awards ceremony and dinner at the end of the year with all the County Volunteers of the Year for each municipality. This year, we are pleased to announce that Nora Murphy has been honored and the dinner was held Tuesday may 8th at the Galloping Hill Caterers.

Nora has been a member of the Alliance for over 12 years and has held various roles, most currently Chairperson. It isn't just one accomplishment but her dedication to the New Providence Alliance for which she was nominated this year. Two years ago Nora stepped up after already being a huge part of the Alliance to take over the Chairperson role. Nora took the lead role on our Every 15 Minutes program that next year coordinating the New Providence Police Department, the Municipal court, the EMS and Atlantic Health.

Nora is an integral member and has been involved in programs such as Forest Friends and Prehistoric Pals, Red Ribbon Week, Every 15 Minutes, Safety Bug, Middle School Peer Leader events, Carved Pumpkin event, and National Night Out. In addition, the committee created Nights of Conversation and have or will present topics such as Opioid Addiction, Vaping, Underage Drinking and Mental Health. She works selflessly to make sure the Alliance is an integral part in educating today's youth and adults. She has a wonderful relationship with everyone at the Borough and when asked to take something on, you know it will be done with pride. Thank you, Nora, for all you have given to the New Providence Alliance.

Save a Life Tour

The New Providence Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcohol and Drug Abuse, with support by the New Providence Police Department and the New Providence School District continue to be proactive in educating our children on the dangers of Drunk driving.

As in years past our aim to aid in the preparation to help keep our kids safe over prom weekend is paramount. This year's educational sessions started on May 30, 2018. Juniors and Senior at the New Providence High School were our target audience.

New Providence Police Lieutenant Daniel Henn, the Municipal Alliance liaison, introduced the importance of the program. He turned the focus to Chris the operator of the Save a Life Tour who played real life video footage of serious drunk driving crashes, followed by personal testimony from a fatal distracted driving accident.

The students then experienced the operation of both a delayed reaction driving simulator (Simulating the effects of driving while intoxicated) and a distracted driving simulator (texting while driving). A third station manned by School Resource Officer Calino,Sgt. Carovillano and Lt. Daniel Henn provided the kids the opportunity to perform roadside sobriety tests while wearing Fatal Vission Goggles, simulating the visual effects of high levels of intoxication.

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Scarecrows are Returning to New Providence!

Sign Up Today!

New Providence Business is once again hosting the very popular annual Scarecrow Contest, bringing a fun and festive feel to our downtown! The contest encourages New Providence residents, businesses, civic organizations, school groups, sports teams, and families to build the wildest, cleverest, funniest scarecrows they can imagine (within contest guidelines). The scarecrows will be on display throughout the downtown to bring the community and businesses together, encourage walking, and provide a great opportunity to visit our fantastic stores and restaurants.

Registration is now open. The entry deadline is Saturday, Oct. 6.

Starting Sat., Oct. 13, scarecrows will be placed along Springfield Ave. and South Street. People can vote for their favorite scarecrows from October 13 through Nov. 2, so make sure you spread the word to your family and friends. Voting ballots and voting boxes will be available at participating downtown businesses. Winners will be announced shortly after November 2. Prizes will be given for First Place ($300), Second Place ($200), and Third Place ($100). The competition entries are open to New Providence residents, businesses, and community organizations, but anyone can vote for their favorite scarecrow.

Details, guidelines, and a link to enter online can be found on the Business Community website, www.newprovbiz.com and via the borough website www.newprov.org.