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## NJ American Water Company Water Main Replacement

Springfield Ave.  
between Central  
Ave. and Maple St.  
Begins mid-June.  
8 PM - 5 AM.  
Expected  
completion by Oct.  
Questions/Concerns:  
973-564-5741 or  
973-564-5715

## Borough Emergency Notification System is Changing- You Must Register!



The borough will be transitioning their emergency notification system from CodeRed to RAVE Alert. All residents are urged to register before the conversion cutoff in October. If you are currently registered for Code Red, your contact information WILL NOT automatically transfer to the new RAVE Alert system, nor will the borough be able to input your information for you. YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER YOUR INFORMATION WITH RAVE Alert if you want to continue receiving emergency alerts from the Borough,

Police, and/or Office of Emergency Management. Links and additional information regarding the registration process will be available soon. Please check the borough website at [www.newprov.org](http://www.newprov.org) for updates.

The new RAVE Alert system not only allows the borough to send emergency messages, but also lets residents enroll in Smart911, an advanced profile that is accessed by first responders during an emergency. Smart911 Safety Profiles help 9-1-1 dispatchers and first responders make faster, better decisions, shorten response times, and save lives. Anyone can create a Smart911 Safety Profile for free at [Smart911.com](http://Smart911.com) or on the Smart911 mobile app. You can include phone numbers, home and work addresses, family member information, photos, medical conditions, disabilities, even pet information.

“We decided to switch our emergency notification system because RAVE Alert offers more functionality to help us keep residents and visitors informed about potentially hazardous situations,” said Anthony Buccelli, New Providence Police Chief and OEM Coordinator. “We encourage all members of our community and their families to sign up for RAVE Alert when it becomes available in order to be prepared should an emergency occur.”

## Municipal Shared Services

The concept of cost savings through shared municipal service arrangements is not a new one in New Providence. We continuously look for shared service agreements where we are able to save money and/or improve the level of service to our constituents.

**Shared Dispatch:** New Providence houses a shared dispatch center for New Providence, Summit and Millburn. Previously, each community had their own dispatch center and was facing large costs associated with

upgrading the 911 call center systems. By consolidating the dispatch function for nine emergency services in three communities into one center, each community was able to achieve considerable cost savings. In addition, through shared dispatch management, individual towns do not have to manage the dispatch function or place police officers or firefighters in the dispatch role due to staff shortages.

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## Municipal Shared Services (Continued)

**Shared Court:** New Providence also houses a shared court with Summit and Berkeley Heights. As a result of this shared arrangement, each community is saving money based through staffing optimization and employing only one court administrator for all three towns.

**Union County:** Union County offers a multitude of services to their municipalities. In a recent report to the Mayor and Council, 45 various services from Union County were identified as being provided to New Providence. These services range from police academy training to borrowing of DPW equipment and cooperative purchasing arrangements.

**Wastewater Management Services:** Through a shared service agreement with the City of Summit, New Providence personnel provide wastewater management services to the city. Previously, Summit had a contract with a private firm to provide these services. This arrangement provides revenue for New Providence and both a higher level of service and cost savings for the City of Summit.

**Regional Board of Health:** New Providence contracts with the Westfield Board of Health to provide the required

services, saving New Providence money while receiving quality service for our community.

**Shared Tax Assessor:** A shared service agreement with Summit allows each town to employ a highly skilled tax assessor on a part-time basis by sharing the salary and benefit costs according to the amount of service provided to each town.

**Sharing of specialized equipment:** An agreement among Chatham, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Summit and Millburn provides for sharing specialized DPW equipment and manpower. The ability to borrow equipment and staff helps to balance the needs of all of the departments, while maintaining reasonable staffing levels. A few years ago, the DPW directors from these towns identified the value of brining roadways in advance of snow events. Rather than each town installing a brine system, the participating towns contributed to the cost of one system, shared by all, located in the City of Summit. We continually try to maximize the value of your tax dollars through these arrangements and are always open to discussing where these services can be expanded.

## Reminder - Official Borough News Sources

Website – [www.newprov.org](http://www.newprov.org)  
Facebook @ Newprovnj  
Facebook @ New Providence Police  
and New Providence Office of  
Emergency Management

Twitter @ Newprovnj  
Quarterly Newsletters  
Downtown Electronic Bulletin Board  
RAVE Alert (previously Code Red) – sign up soon  
NPTV - Comcast channel 35, FIOS channel 37  
Contact us - [www.newprov.org](http://www.newprov.org)

## Senior Update

### July Is Driving Safety Month For New Providence Seniors

**AAA Senior Driver Safety Presentation - Wednesday, July 10 at 11 AM.** - A Traffic Safety Specialist from AAA will speak at the New Providence Senior Citizen Club meeting and offer safety tips for all drivers.

**AAA Car Fit Program - Thursday, July 18, 10:30 AM -12:30PM.** - This program is intended to help older drivers make sure their cars are properly fitted for safety, including driver visibility, and was developed by the American Society on Aging in collaboration with AAA, AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association. Each FREE personal Car Fit assessment takes approximately 15-20 minutes, during which a

trained technician will complete a 12-point check of how well the driver and his or her car work together, and make recommendations to adjust vehicle components for a better fit to make the driving experience as safe as possible. Please schedule an appointment in advance.

**AARP Smart Driver Course - Monday July 22, 9 AM -3 PM:** The course will help to refresh driving skills, review the rules of the road, and teach research-based driving strategies. There are no tests to pass. Participants may receive a multi-year discount on car insurance, The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Please register in advance.

## New Providence "Family Fun Night" Summer Concerts Return

New Providence Business is very pleased to present four FREE summer concerts offering music and entertainment for the whole family. The concerts will include face painting and a magician to entertain the kids. The NP Lions Club will be grilling hot dogs generously donated by The Prestige Diner; Zita's Homemade Ice Cream will be scooping out free treats; and there will also be free water provided by Acme for all to enjoy.

### The 2019 concert dates are:

**Thurs., July 18** - "Throwback Thursday" with the West Morris Community Band

**Thurs., July 25** - Kinderhook

**Thurs., August 1** - Asbury Fever

**Tues., August 6** (National Night Out - 6 PM) - Elefante Family Band with The NJ Jazz Academy

The first three concerts will be held on Thursday evenings and the fourth concert on Tuesday evening in Centennial Park starting at 7 PM, rain or shine. The last concert coincides with National Night Out and includes additional activities presented by the New Providence Police, Fire, and EMS (starting at 6 PM). Be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the sounds of the evening. If rain prevents an outside performance, the concert will be held inside in the municipal gym.

"These free community events, sponsored by New Providence Business, are made possible because of generous donations from our local businesses," said Michelle Brugger, Business Community President. We would like to thank for their substantial support of this event:

Acme  
Creative Wallcoverings & Interiors  
Elefante Music  
Lassus Wherley, A Subsidiary of Peapack-Gladstone Bank  
NJ Sharing Network  
NP Downtown Improvement District  
NP Lions Club  
Prestige Diner  
Zita's Homemade Ice Cream



 **NEW PROVIDENCE  
BUSINESS**  
SMALL COMMUNITY • BIG CHOICES

## 2019 National Night Out!



**NEW PROVIDENCE  
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT  
ACADEMY STREET!**

**August 6, 2019  
6pm - 9pm • Academy Street**

**Come join the Police Department, Fire  
Department and EMS for family fun activities  
at the 2019 National Night Out.**

Anyone wishing to donate, sponsor or participate in this event,  
please contact Lt. Stephen Drowns [drowns@nppolice.org](mailto:drowns@nppolice.org)



## Investors Bank Sponsors Fireworks on Wednesday, July 3

The New Providence Independence Day Celebration returns to the borough on Wednesday, July 3, on South Street from Gales Drive to Springfield Avenue, and will include fun filled activities for all. DJ Michael Savage will provide entertainment from his perch on South Street.

There will be "Chalk on South" (kids of all ages can get a free "bucket" of chalk to create art and messages on the street) and lots of fun for the whole family. The event begins at 7 PM and the fabulous fireworks will begin at approximately 9:30 PM. Be sure to bring lawn chairs or blankets to enjoy the festivities. In case of rain, information will be posted on the Business Community website, [www.newprovbiz.com](http://www.newprovbiz.com) and the borough website, [www.newprov.org](http://www.newprov.org). The rain date is Friday, July 5.

The fireworks were made possible by the generous donations from our event sponsors: Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Colonial Appliance, Investors Bank, Kapuscinski Luongo Architects, Lassus Wherley, A Subsidiary of Peapack-Gladstone Bank, Martial Arts for Life, Michael Savage, NJ Sharing Network, NP Downtown Improvement District, Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and New Providence Business, which sponsors the Summer Concerts, Street Fair, Downtown Trick or Treating and Scarecrow Stroll, the Holiday Festival, and other community events.



## Calling all Crows! - New Prize Categories!



Our beloved scarecrows will be returning to downtown New Providence again this fall - it's not too early to start planning your scarecrow! The tremendously popular Scarecrow Contest, hosted by New Providence Business, will return in October. 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).

In order to encourage everyone in our community to participate, there will be new prize categories this year! Prizes will be given for the best entry in each of four categories:

- Ages 14 and under - \$150
- Organizations/Schools - \$150
- Ages 15 and over - \$150
- Businesses - \$150

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 stores and restaurants. People can vote for their favorite scarecrows and prizes will be awarded, so make sure you spread the word to your family and friends. The competition entries are open to New Providence residents, businesses, and community organizations, but anyone can vote for their favorite.

Details, guidelines, and entry forms coming soon on [www.newprovbiz.com](http://www.newprovbiz.com)! Start planning your scarecrow now! Don't forget to mark your calendars - Downtown Trick or Treating will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2019!

# Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

## Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

### A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



**As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.**



*Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.*

#### Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

#### Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.

- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

### Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.



[www.cleanwaternj.org](http://www.cleanwaternj.org)



### Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:
  - Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
  - Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or un-wrapped in a toilet.
  - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

### Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in these areas.

### Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

### Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

## Contact information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit [www.njstormwater.org](http://www.njstormwater.org) or [www.nonpointsource.org](http://www.nonpointsource.org)

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater) or [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality  
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program (609) 633-7021

[www.cleanwaternj.org](http://www.cleanwaternj.org)



**Together we can make a difference.**

The New Providence Alliance to Prevent Alcohol and Drug Abuse is a volunteer organization consisting of parents, students, senior citizens, business members and representatives from the Borough, the Board of Education and the Police Department.

**VOLUNTEER or DONATE TODAY!**

### 2019 Members

- Joe Pergola, *Co-chairperson*
- Ralph Parmegiani, *Co-chairperson*
- Mike Iacovelli, *Secretary*
- Kim Zagorski, *Coordinator*
- Lt. Steve Drown, *Police Liaison*
- Mary Misiukiewicz, *Board of Education Liaison*
- Dave Chango, *Student Assistance Coordinator*
- Nadine Geoffroy, *Borough Council Liaison*
- Peter DeSarno, *Borough Council Liaison*
- Ptln. Michael Carlino, *School Resource Officer*
- Bernadette Cuccaro, *Director, Community Activities*

- Diane Rispoli    Meredith Cohen
- Tara Smith    Kareena Kullar
- Joe Narciso    Melissa Tasse, PhD
- Jama Podell-Vitale

**360 Elkwood Avenue,  
New Providence, NJ 07974  
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newprov.org/MunicipalAlliance**



*Nicole Gomber*



*Alana Ponte*

## MARIE MCNALLY NEW PROVIDENCE ALLIANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to Nicole Gomber and Alana Ponte, this year's recipients of awards that recognize their contributions to our community. They are

both great role models who have exhibited positive leadership and citizenship. They have been involved in community activities both in and out of school.

Activities that kept Nicole on a drug and alcohol free tract was the New Providence High School Marching Band Colorguard and the New Providence High School Peer Leadership program. She also served as a Senior Intern in the student ministry program at the Presbyterian Church.

Alana was the President of the New Providence High School Peer Leadership group where she was a strong mentor to younger students. She also proved her leadership skills through coaching soccer, special needs swimming and other volunteer activities. The Alliance wishes them success in the future and encourages them to continue on their substance free paths.



*Tara Smith*

## NEW PROVIDENCE ALLIANCE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The Alliance congratulates Tara Smith, PhD with the honor of Volunteer of the Year. Tara's willingness to step in and volunteer whenever needed is greatly appreciated. She was the Alliance coordinator of Every 15 Minutes this year, the three day dramatization of the tragic consequences of teenage drinking. Mrs. Smith was recognized at the annual Volunteer of the Year dinner hosted by the Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Individual & Family Support Services and the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.



## Ways You Can Help!

*Although many of our programs are funded through a grant, much of what the Alliance does is made possible by donations from supportive members of our community.*

**"Donate or Volunteer - Together We Can Make a Difference."**

**Donate your gently used clothing in bins located at the rear of the New Providence Rescue Squad lot on Academy Street.**

Your old clothes will be recycled and made available to people who need them, and the Alliance will get money back for hosting the clothing bins. Everyone wins!

**Make a monetary contribution to the Alliance.** Please make checks payable to:  
The New Providence Alliance, 360 Elkwood Ave, New Providence, NJ 07974.

Yes, I would like to donate: \$10.00 \_\_\_ \$15.00 \_\_\_ \$25.00 \_\_\_ \$50.00 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**We are looking for new members! If you'd like to volunteer, please call: 908-665-1400**

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## Help Support our EMS Volunteers

### Volunteers Needed!

The New Providence Rescue Squad showed our community support at the Sharing Network 5k on Sunday, June 2. We will also be at the Independence Day Fireworks on Wednesday, July 3 and at National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6. Please stop by and meet your volunteer EMS first responders. Are you interested in joining our team? We are looking for drivers and EMTs. No experience necessary. We will fully train. If you are at least 18 years of age please email us at [volunteer@newprovems.org](mailto:volunteer@newprovems.org) for more information.



## Sustainable New Providence News

### FreecycleFest

Sustainable New Providence will be holding our now annual FreecycleFest on Saturday, September 28, 2019. It's our once a year garage sale where everything is FREE! It will be held at the American Legion Post on Elkwood Avenue across from the Municipal Center from 9-4. We are looking for donated items that are reusable and working. Some examples of acceptable items include: small appliances, pots & pans, small furniture, toys, pet-related items, craft supplies, and holiday items. Check the borough website for more information as the event gets closer.

### Recycling

You can recycle your plastic bags at the Acme in the Village Shopping Center. The bin is outside the store so you can use it 24 hours /day. Please remember not to put those bags in your biweekly recycling bins and not to put bags with food or other materials into the Acme bin. It is not a garbage bin!