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Theresa Gazaway Named New Providence Police Chief and OEM Coordinator



Theresa Gazaway has been named Chief of Police and Office of Emergency Management Coordinator for the borough of New Providence. She succeeds Anthony Buccelli, who will retire on May 1, 2020. Notably, she will be the first female Police Chief in Union County history.

Chief Gazaway began her career in law enforcement after being accepted into the Alternate Route Program at the John H. Stamler Police Academy in July 1995 and was subsequently hired by the New Providence Police Department. Her assignments have included Patrolman, Traffic Safety Officer, Bicycle Officer, DARE Officer, Senior Citizen Liaison, Detective, Patrol Commander and Detective Bureau Commander. Chief Gazaway was promoted to Sergeant in 2006, Lieutenant in 2010 and Captain in 2017. She currently serves as the Accreditation Manager for the department and oversees the day to day operations.

Chief Gazaway graduated from Raritan Valley Community College with an Associate's

Degree in Criminal Justice. She is a Certified Public Manager; NJ State Chiefs Certified Command Executive, and has a certificate in Public Safety Liability Mitigation from Stockton College. She has served as the President of The Union County DARE Officer's Association and Vice President of the New Providence P.B.A., Local #132. Chief Gazaway also serves as a staff instructor at the John H. Stamler Police Academy and an assessor for the NJSACOP Accreditation Program.

Chief Gazaway is a long time New Providence resident with deep roots in the community. She and her husband Ron were married and raised their two children in the Borough. She is also a member of the New Providence Lions Club and the Summit Elks.

"We are very excited and proud to have Chief Gazaway leading our Police Department," said Mayor Al Morgan. "Her experience, along with her enthusiastic leadership, strong relationship building capabilities, and high level of professional standards and accountability will prove to be extremely beneficial to the borough. We congratulate her on this well-deserved achievement."

July 3 Celebration and Summer Concert Series Cancelled Amid COVID-19 Pandemic



The New Providence Business Community, sponsors and organizers of the July 3 Celebration and Summer Concert Series, regrets to announce that both events have been cancelled this year. The impact on New Providence businesses as a result of the coronavirus pandemic has been huge. Many businesses are struggling to survive. Others

are focused on changing their business models and delivery methods to retain staff and customers within the current Executive Order guidelines. All are trying to figure out how to safely reopen when restrictions allow, and have neither the resources to fund nor the time to execute these large events.

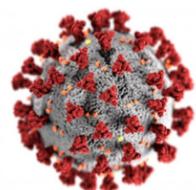
"This was not an easy decision to make, but it is just not possible for us to sponsor and manage the upcoming July 3 Celebration or Summer Concert Series this year," said

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Michelle Brugger, President of New Providence Business. "Each of these events requires months of planning and large financial sponsorships. The financial burden on the businesses that sponsor the events would be too onerous, and there simply isn't the manpower available to plan and run these events. Furthermore, although they may change at any time, the current social distancing guidelines would prohibit the gathering of crowds that these events typically draw."

"We are so grateful for all of the support we are receiving from the community and encourage everyone to continue to patronize our New Providence businesses," said Brugger. "Our local businesses are finding new and innovative ways to continue to serve you! An updated listing of current businesses offerings, as well as a searchable online Business & Services directory can be found on the Business Community website, www.newprovbiz.com and also the borough website, www.newprov.org. Please help us remain a part of the community that we love!"



COVID-19 Information

For the latest official COVID-19 case statistics, information, updates, resources, business information, and more, visit the borough website www.newprov.org and FaceBook page at Newprovnj.

Please Complete Your Census Form

These are tough times for all of us. Help our community receive the federal funding we need for the next 10 years by taking 10 minutes to complete your 2020 Census. Hospitals, schools, roads, transportation and more all receive the federal funding based on Census data. The U.S. Census Bureau continues to carefully monitor the coronavirus situation and follows the guidance of federal, state, and local health authorities. Help us adhere to social-distancing guidelines by responding online to the 2020 Census. Do your part. Stay home. Get counted.

We're counting on you!

It's safe, easy, confidential – and very important. Census responses will not be shared with anyone, even other government agencies, such as police, FBI, courts, or immigration officials. Count everyone living in your household on April 1 – including grandparents, tenants, roommates, live-in nannies, and newborn babies who haven't yet come home.

You can fill out the census many different ways:

ONLINE at 2020census.gov/

PHONE at 844-330-2020, or

MAIL- Mail back the paper questionnaire that was sent to your home. Use the return envelope that was enclosed with the questionnaire to mail back your completed Census form. (The envelope will be addressed to either Jeffersonville, IN, or Phoenix, AZ, where the Census Bureau has mail processing centers).

If you have questions, US Census telephone lines are open:

Monday–Friday, 9 AM. to 9 PM. - Saturday, 9 AM. to 7 PM. - Sunday, 11 AM to 9 PM

Press "0" to speak with a U.S. Census Bureau representative. Please have your mailing address available.

Additional information can be found at www.2020census.gov .



Updates from the Municipal Center

Although our offices have been closed to the public since mid-march, our departments have been hard at work keeping the borough well maintained, informed, and operational. Here are some updates and accomplishments:

Engineering Update

The engineering department has continued to facilitate current construction projects, such as Harmony Park Sidewalk, Downtown Streetscape, and the Sanitary Sewer Lining Project. Projects looking to start construction soon are the Union Avenue and Kline Boulevard Intersection Re-alignment and the Tennis Courts 5-8 Reconstruction at the Community Pool. Additionally, there is currently a project out to bid for the Fire House HVAC replacement and soon to be out to bid is the 2019 DOT Fairview Avenue Roadway Reconstruction Project. Projects looking forward are the 2020 DOT Roadway project, continuance of the Downtown Streetscape improvements, sidewalks and the annual roadway repaving.

Project updates can be found on the borough website - Project Updates tab.

Police Department Update

In light of what has transpired in the past few months, the New Providence Police Department has continued to serve the citizens of this community. As first responders, the Police Department continues to respond to the emergency calls of our residents. We have outfitted our Officers with varying levels of personal protective equipment that enables them to provide close contact assistance during these calls. We have also changed the method that we use to interact with the public to maintain all of the guidelines that the State of New Jersey mandates. This has been a time consuming task, but our Officers have risen to the occasion. As we progress through this pandemic, do not be offended if Officers maintain their distance or attempt to speak to you over the phone. Also, our Dispatch Center may ask you more probing questions to better provide information to our responding Officers. These procedures have been put in place to protect all of us, so your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Operationally, the Police Department is still accessible to our residents. The main entrance on Ellwood Ave should

be used to enter, and there is a phone in the lobby that connects to the Police Dispatch. Officers will generally meet you in person for emergent issues. Access to reports can be completed through the Borough website by clicking on the "OPRA Request" tab on the left side of the webpage. Firearms applications originate on the New Jersey State Police website (www.njsp.org) and once completed, we will contact the applicant to make arrangements for payment and the pickup of documents.

As restrictions ease, we ask that our residents continue to follow any rules that have been put in place. Keep in mind that the law enforcement community has been asked to enforce all parameters of the Governor's executive orders. While discretion is one of our greatest tools, repeated violations or blatant disregard to established rules may lead to the appropriate enforcement.

Recreation Department Update 2020 Youth Summer Camps and Programs –

The community Activities Department has been reviewing the executive orders and guidelines that have been set by the State and the Westfield Department of Health as it relates to programming during COVID-19. Unfortunately, there are many programs that are traditionally run by the Recreation Department and the DeCorso Center that we feel we cannot safely run at this time or are prohibited from running. We will continue to communicate with you the status of our programs as we look to reimagine how we can safely and effectively offer programs to our residents. Please check our website at www.newprov.org/recreation or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NPRecreation/> for program information.

When we come back for fall programming, we should expect that things will look different. Protocols for facility usage including classes size, social distancing, and face coverings are all going to be a part of our "new normal". Look for our fall program offerings in early August. We hope you and your family continue to stay healthy and look forward to seeing you soon!!

New Providence Business Launches Searchable Business & Services Directory

New Providence Business has launched a searchable Business & Services Directory to help you discover all that New Providence has to offer! Available through both the Business Community website, www.newprovbiz.com and the borough website, www.newprov.org, the new directory is organized by category for your convenience. The highlighted merchants are proud members of New Providence Business, which supports community events, schools, and local fundraising efforts, making New Providence an outstanding place to live and visit.

"We are very excited to be launching this directory," said Michelle Brugger, President of New Providence Business. "We have had a static directory for a long time, but the

search capabilities in this new version make the directory much easier to use. It is especially important now for people to be able to quickly find the information they need so that they can continue supporting our businesses during these challenging times. We encourage everyone to adhere to social distancing guidelines and please show your support for our businesses by ordering take-out or pick-up, buying gift certificates, prepaying for items, shopping online, and taking online classes from our wonderful restaurants, shops and services. Our merchants and professionals are friendly and eager to please, and need your help now more than ever!"

Library Update

Since NPML closed to the public on March 16, we have found many ways to make our collections and resources available to the public. Here's a rundown of what we've been up to:

- Many special online resources are available on our webpage at www.newprovidencelibrary.org under Research > All Online Resources.
- Programming available at [Facebook.com/NewProvLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/NewProvLibrary) and on YouTube channel at New Providence Memorial Library. Live programming is presented on Zoom video conferencing sessions. No computer? Call us for a call in number.
- Check the website under Books & More > Staff Picks for Hoopla activity recommendations.
- Use website 24/7 "Ask a Librarian" and Online Library Card Signup to access online resources. Teen book review blog allows teens to earn volunteer hours from home.
- Online Resources website tab - reading recommendations in Booklist and BookPage. OverDrive and Hoopla - digital books and audiobooks. Tumblebooks - read along stories for children.

- Carts are at both entrances with free books from our bookstore. Hard copies of the latest Book Page are on a table in the Boro Hall foyer.
- Reminder - fines are not accruing and holds are suspended.

Summer Reading 2020: Summer Reading for all ages will be entirely online. June 24 - kickoff with virtual performance by Jester Jim. All ages - tune in for this performance. Reading milestones will be tracked and prizes will be awarded via curbside pickup. Check website and Facebook for updates and details.

Phased Re-Opening: While the library cannot return to pre-COVID practices, we are making plans for a phased reopening. We are now accepting returns in the book drop and once Phase 2 begins, we will be back in the building and can begin curbside pickup of holds and requests.

Until we can admit patrons into the library, we hope that you will take advantage of all that we have to offer if only to sit on a bench out front and use our wifi which is available 24/7.

Reminder - Walk FACING Traffic When Walking in the Street

Which side of the road is the safest to walk on if there are no sidewalks that separate you from traffic? This is one of the top rules for safe walking, and it differs from the rules for bicycling. From the National Center for Safe Routes to School, "If no sidewalks exist on the road, it is recommended to walk facing oncoming traffic on the same side of the road as the oncoming traffic. When bicycling, you will want to ride on the right (going in the same direction as automobile traffic)."

NEW PROVIDENCE SUSTAINABILITY

New Providence Hosting a Joint FreeCycleFest and Green Day Event

On Saturday, October 3, 2020*, Sustainable New Providence will host an all-day dual event. As previously held, the FreeCycleFest will take place from 9 AM to 4 PM at the American Legion building on Elkwood Ave and will serve as a way for residents to donate unwanted, gently used or new household items that can be offered to attendees for their use at no charge. Details regarding what can be donated and when will be forthcoming. At the same time, next door at Lincoln Field and if needed, in the Borough parking lot, a Green Day will be held that will focus on sharing and exchanging information and ideas related to how to efficiently manage our planet's resources to help future generations continue to survive and thrive. The Committee is currently working on identifying community organizations and vendors to provide the best experience for all NP residents who are interested in sustaining our environment in responsible ways. Stay tuned for more details on the borough website: www.newprov.org

*Please note: The timing of the FreeCycleFest and Green Day Event is tentative based on the public gathering guidelines in effect at the time.

300 Stories

New Providence - Our Community For All (OCFA), in conjunction with the New Providence Library and the Historical Society, is organizing the audio recording of townspeople's memories. Students and some recent graduates from New Providence High School are conducting the interviews. By the end of the summer they hope to have a great archive of stories that can be enjoyed at the planned Heritage Day festival in September and beyond.

OCFA is currently identifying townspeople with great stories to tell and scheduling interviews. Interviewers will use the StoryCorps online app to collect the audio recordings and compile them. StoryCorp is a non-profit organization that is creating an archive of the American experience. Stories from New Providence will be part of their national effort to record American history.

To volunteer to be interviewed please email NewProvidenceOCFA@gmail.com or call 908-380-7715. To volunteer as an interviewer, text 908-380-7715.

Tricentennial Activities Update - Tricentennial Celebration Changes

True to the resilient nature of our forefathers, our Tricentennial Committee is busy adjusting/modifying our original plans for our year-long celebration in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic restrictions in our area. The Turkey Dinner originally planned to be held on April 25 at the New Providence Presbyterian Church has been moved to October 17* at the same location. The Memorial Day Parade has been changed to a pictorial parade (see the New Providence website for more details) and the next change is related to the plans for Heritage Day and Family Fun Day. We've decided to merge these two events into one called Tricentennial Day. This will be a full-scope community celebration held at New Providence High School on Saturday, Sep 26, 2020*, including re-enactments and representations of life in the early 1700s in this area as well as an old-fashioned, fun-filled, family-oriented community carnival celebrating what New Providence is now and what it

can/will be in the future. Please mark your calendars for September 26* and more information will be shared as the plans are firmed up. Rain date is October 3, 2020*.

* As with all other public events, there is a possibility we may need to cancel/reschedule these activities based on public gathering guidelines in place at the time, but we will keep our fingers crossed and hope to see you all soon!



New! Tricentennial at Home Celebration

Take a journey into New Providence's history with this family friendly booklet filled with activities to celebrate our town. This easy to follow and informative booklet

includes local history, recipes, exciting challenges, trivia, and even a place for your own personal story. Engaging for all ages. Booklet can be downloaded from the Tricentennial page on the borough website at www.newprov.org.

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.

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.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

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.



Storm Drain Pollution Prevention



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 or www.nonpointsource.org

Additional information is also available at U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Web sites www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or 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

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Please Support New Providence EMS



In May, every household received our annual fund drive donation mailing. We understand this year is a challenging time for many and we are grateful for each contribution. Your ALL VOLUNTEER rescue squad is continuing to provide care to residents and businesses despite the risk to themselves and their families. Our fund drive allows us to cover our operating costs such as purchasing supplies, many of which are being depleted during this COVID-19 pandemic. Please help us continue to provide this paramount service. Look for your fund drive mailing or visit www.newprovidenceems.org to make a tax deductible, online donation today. Thank you for your support!

New Estimated Tax Bill Format For August 2020

The Borough will be sending estimated bills for 3rd quarter taxes which will look different than the regular bills that are mailed once a year with 4 stubs. Property owners will receive a single 3rd quarter estimated bill in early June 2020 and it will be due on August 1st. The last day of the grace period will be August 10th. The final tax bill with the remaining 3 stubs will be mailed in October 2020 (remaining due dates November 1st, February 1st, May 1st). The reason for this estimated billing is due to the COVID-19 related state fiscal year extension and the possible delay of tax rate certification.

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Tax Account Id: 1200	Tax Bill #: 000007	Bank Code:				Block: 11
Property Location: 36 EARL PL						Lot: 5
This Estimated Bill has the same status as a regular tax bill and may be paid without interest until 08/10/20. After 08/10/20, interest is 8% on 1st \$1500.00 and 18% after \$1500.00						Qual:
Owner Name: PSEG SERVICE CORP-CORP PROP DEPT						Property Loc: 36 EARL PL
Due Date: 08/01/20						Estimated Taxes: 921.00
Make check payable to:						Adjustments: 0.00
BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE						Total Due: 921.00
TAX COLLECTOR						Due Date: 08/01/20
360 ELKWOOD AVENUE						Estimated Taxes: 921.00
NEW PROVIDENCE, NJ 07974						Adjustments: 0.00
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Estimated billing is due to COVID-19