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LOCAL TEEN STARTS BIKE CLUB

By: Edir Coronado

Based on a population sample the United States Census Bureau estimated that in 2013 76 percent of people commuted solely using cars. Another 9.4 percent traveled using carpools, the rest of the sample population travelled via public transportation, walking, by other means, and lastly by bicycle. There are some clear examples as to why riding a bicycle would be beneficial to an individual, it promotes a healthy lifestyle, it is environmentally friendly, and it is a surprisingly quick method of transportation, these are a few of the more evident reasons. Still others ride for sport, to support a cause, or because they enjoy traveling long distances on their bike during leisure time.

"I like to just get on my bike and ride," said 15-year-old high school student and New Providence resident Tyler Campbell, who was formerly a faithful BMX rider, but began delving into the world of long distance riding about a year ago. Tyler began BMX riding at the age of 7 and has competed in events staged in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. While he's still interested in BMX riding, Tyler has recently focused his efforts into creating a bike club for teens in New Providence.

On a scorching hot summer day in front of Starbucks, Tyler, his mother Sherryl Campbell, his cousin Asher-Marie Coates, and local resident and bike enthusiast Sym Swelden congregated in support of Tyler's first group bike session. Sym who has been involved in long distance biking for many years was present as a mentor. He spoke of the dangers of riding on the road and the joys of reaching your first century mark, a term used by cyclists when they reach 100 miles in just one bike session. Sym himself no longer cycles long-distances, but his wealth of knowledge, such as obtaining a mirror to view cars, apps to track distance, and colors to wear to increase cyclists' visibility to motorists, prove useful to the young cyclists.

Tyler's dedication to the sport of cycling is staunch. He hopes to generate interest amongst his peers and create an opportunity for him to be able to ride with cyclists his own age. Before



(above) Asher-Marie Coates and Tyler Campbell before their first bike

Tyler had the idea to start a bike group, he would regularly participate in an adult riding club, where he was the youngest member and continuously impressed other older and more experienced riders.

Tyler, considered a novice, carries himself like an expert, riding on average 20 miles a day, riding through any weather, even snow, and logging 72 miles in one day for his longest distance. Starting the bike group is only the beginning, after the group gains traction, Tyler will register for USA Cycling and enter different cycling events. As Tyler and the group continue to grow, he plans to involve the club in various different charity events, in an effort to combine his athletic passion with his humanitarian efforts. Some events include a fundraiser ride to DC in May and the NY Multiple Sclerosis ride in October.

Tyler's bike success has a lot to do with self-dedication, but also from the unwavering support from his family. Hi mom, Sheryll who has never cycled long distance before, began routinely riding and is now up to 8 miles, an impressive feat confessed Sym, but even before Tyler's long distance biking erupted, the Campbell family would chauffeur and travel with Tyler to all of his BMX events.

Sherryl explained "I always tell him to always remember to pray for safety before every ride because I know that there are a lot of drivers out there who get annoyed with cyclists", she added "I support Tyler a lot because it is something he really enjoys doing,"

Any teen interested in joining the bike club can reach Tyler via email at Wrightty@npsdnj.org.

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TMC was created by Linda Tribuna because being an artist herself she wanted to create a unique store selling the beautiful work of both local and national artists. Since Linda was part of many art shows she asked artists she met through the years to sell in her store. During her time in the Stirling location she sold the work of over 20 local and 10 U.S. artists.

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jewelry, handbags, frames, knitwear, bottle holders, bottle openers, lighted glass boxes, pottery and so much more!



(right) Linda Tribuna invites the public to meet local artists at the grand opening of her boutique located at 1259 Springfield, Avenue, New Providence on September 17th at 2 p.m.

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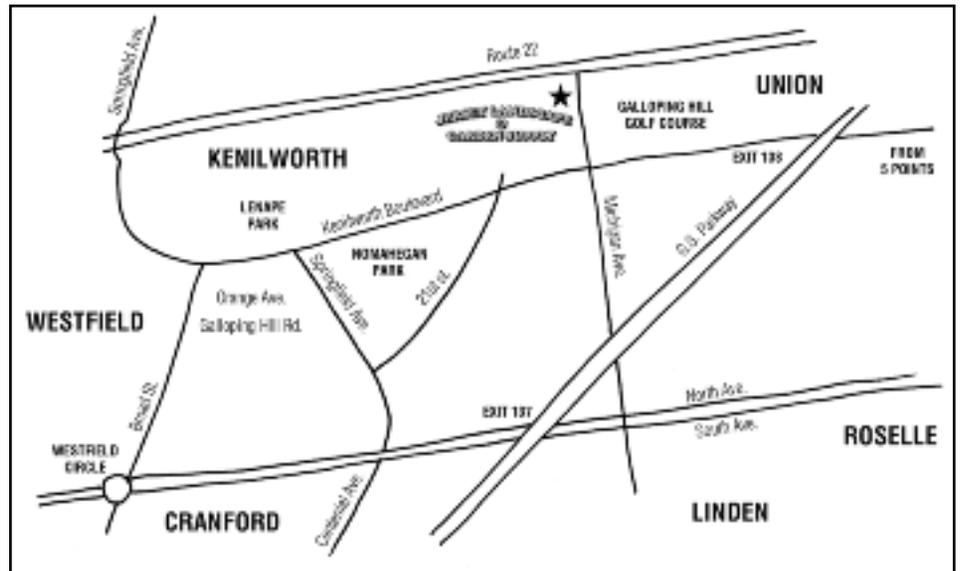
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COMMUNITY GARDEN GRAND OPENING

By: Edir Coronado

After a year and a half of planning, and one cancellation due to rain, the New Providence Community Garden's long awaited opening ceremony and ribbon cutting occurred Monday August 22nd. A crowd of New Providence residents gathered at the Community Garden, located behind the tennis courts on Springfield Avenue, to witness Mayor Al Morgan read the garden's declaration.

The idea of opening up a community garden is credited to Sustainable New Providence, an advisory committee of the borough. The work that led up to the garden's completion was arduous, with several factors needing to be

secured beforehand. Funding for the garden was a major part and a collaboration between BASF, PSEG, and public grant monies. The remaining balance was covered by the New Providence Borough. Other factors that needed to be addressed were deer fences, plumbing, layout, shed, tools, and composting.

The Community Garden proved to be a collective effort, with different departments within the town getting involved. The Department of Public Works helped secure the material and organize the planning. Town Administrator Doug Marvin, Sustainability Liaisons Gary Kapner and Bob Robinson helped move the project from the planning stage to construction

While the process of creating a community garden began a year and half ago, construction began in early July, leaving little time to fill the 28 plots available. News about the community garden spread quickly throughout the borough and at the time of the grand opening 26 of the 28 plots had been filled. Gardeners were hard at work and during the short period of time garden members were able to start growing eggplant, squash, tomatoes and beans, and possibly lettuce in the fall. The regular season for the fall runs from March through October.

To acquire a plot, residents need to visit the New Providence website and fill out a form. Plots are 25 dollars a season. The garden might see an expansion if it is deemed necessary.


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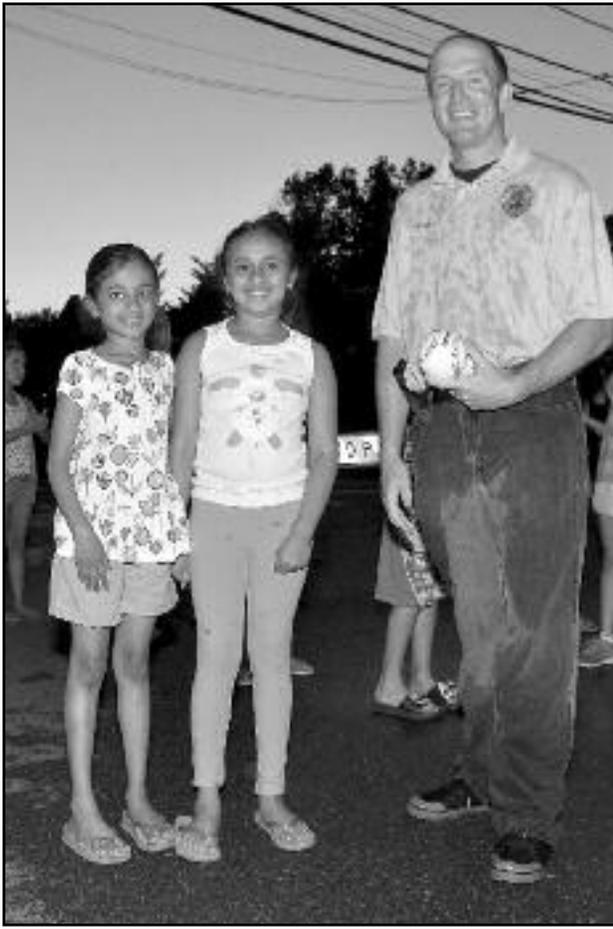
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

By Edir Coronado

On August 2, New Providence held their National Night out event. On a warm summer day, New Providence residents gathered to celebrate and unify the community through these troubling times. National night out was first held in 1983 and 33 years later the event has been carrying on strong. Celebrated in all 50 states, Canada, and military bases around the world, this

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NEW PROVIDENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

By: Edir Coronado

The New Providence Historical Society reached its 50th year in existence on August 15, 2016. To celebrate this great feat, the non-profit organization orchestrated a two-day event. On the first day, August 14, community members could tour the Saltbox Museum, listen to guest speakers, and enjoy refreshing ice cream and Italian ice from Zita's.

The second day, the actual anniversary date, was reserved for the time capsule project organized by the Historical Society. Although the Historical Society's focus is on the town's rich history, they choose not to neglect the town's bright future. Looking forward towards the Historical Society's 100th anniversary, town members were invited to contribute personal belongings that they would like future New Providence residents to observe. Items buried included, selfie sticks, a New Providence Police patch, letters to future residents, and an abundance of surveys that were filled out by community members.

New Providence was established in the 1720's and the Saltbox Museum, the Historical Society's oldest piece, was built a short time after that. It was used for minister housing. Named Saltbox because of the shape of the structure, which was acquired after the structures new addition, the house was in danger of being demolished. A group of citizens put a halt to the demolition and from this the Historical Society was born, fitting that the Historical Society's oldest piece, almost as old as the town, is the reason for the organization.

Carol Smith, a Historical Society trustee and resident of New Providence for 78 years, reminisced on the major changes she witnessed in town, "This used to be a town of greenhouses, full of farms and dirt roads." She explained that over the years as businesses moved into town, the town began to develop and farms began vanishing. "Some of the street names you see today weren't even here," expressed Carol. Sarah Jane Vignali, fellow trustee and member of the community for 82 years, had matching experiences growing up. Her family has lived in town for more than a century.

"I joined the historical society because of my current home," explained Linda Kale, current Historical Society president. She moved to New Providence in 1968 and when Linda purchased her new home she was curious about the placement of her home being sideways. The Historical Society helped Linda uncover her home's history. Linda's home was once a school house in Berkeley Heights, when it was moved to New Providence it became a barn, additions to the house made it a two-family household. The original barn is still a part of the now larger home. Since her migration

to New Providence Linda describes the increase in the number of people as being the biggest difference she has seen over the years.

A sentiment that Colin duSaire shares; considered a newcomer, Colin has lived in town for 10 years and was introduced to the Historical Society by Linda. Colin was indexing the cemetery at the Presbyterian Church at New Providence. Linda approached Colin and asked if he would like to help the Historical Society in its new endeavors. Colin gladly accepted and has since been one of the more active volunteers, contributing more than 12 hours a week to the society. This is the average amount of time dedicated to the Historical Society by a dozen or so volunteers, considered full-time volunteers.

The huge amount of dedication from its volunteers and board members allows for programs to be cultivated like the Saltbox Museum, open the first Sunday of every month, and the Mason Room, located in the New Providence Memorial Library, open Tuesdays and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to noon or by appointment. Both serve as the community's source of the borough's rich history.

"We are always looking for new volunteers," expressed Linda. Community members who wish to volunteers need only contact the Historical Society via phone at 908-655-1034.

The time capsule was burrowed by Vice President Rick Anderson and will be excavated by future New Providence residents in the year 2066, when the town would have changed exponentially.



(above) The New Providence Historical Society recently buried a time capsule to be excavated by future residents in the year 2066.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS SEEK TO PROTECT BLUE TANG FISH

By: Edir Coronado

On June 17, 2016 the movie Finding Dory, the sequel to Finding Nemo, was released and like its predecessor, was popular amongst children and adults alike. The Disney/Pixar film not only garnished popularity for the picture itself, but also for the characters portrayed in the movie. When Finding Nemo was released, moviegoers took to pet stores and purchased their very own Clownfish; stemming from a new found admiration of the fish. History may repeat itself with Finding Dory and the Blue Tang fish which is featured in the film. Elizabeth Blank, Anya Srivasta, and Daniel Aranda, three middle school children from New Providence decided to spread awareness by starting a nonprofit organization named dontfinddory.

The idea for the group was presented by Anya and quickly thereafter Daniel and Elizabeth climbed onboard. Hard at work for a month, the group has already launched a Facebook page, Twitter and Instagram accounts, a GoFundMe page, and website where they post daily facts about the environment and the Blue Tang species, in order to raise awareness and funds. Their social media force, combined with their fund raising events, which will be in full effect during the school year, will provide them with the opportunity to accomplish their goal of reaching out to community members and people from all over.

While the dontfinddory organization feels all species need special attention, they realize the overall thought of the public is that fish are oblivious. "I feel like marine life are more overlooked than other animals," stated Daniel, this sentiment being the general consensus among the group. If they were to successfully broadcast their message and impact how the community interacts with the Blue Tang fish, these young activists would then set their sights on continuing to spread the word about the importance of other marine life. Although the group feels that all animal species are important, experts also agree aquatic life is often overlooked. The terms sentient and self-



(above) Daniel Aranda, Elizabeth Blank, and Anya Srivasta.

awareness are often reserved for humans and other mammal-like creatures, such as, apes or dolphins; however, studies such as the Manta Ray Cognition Mirror Test, prove that many of our underwater creatures are conscious of their own existence.

The group's social media sites provide a wealth of knowledge with members, both in person and online, continuously posting facts about the harmful effects of the human hand on the environment, even citing how the human hand literally can have a devastating effect on individual animals. "SeaWorld encourages people to touch dolphins, but the dolphins don't actually like that and it could shorten their life span," stated Anya. The kids are gaining their inspiration from their compassion towards animals, "I want to do my part to change the world for the better," stated Daniel. The group is often worried that if the Blue Tang species were to be taken in by families, they would be mistreated by being placed in small fish tanks, which is often the case. This, according to the dontfinddory organization, is detrimental to their mental health and causes them to lash out on others of their kind. "I don't think Blue Tang should be kept as pets, and no creature should have to live like this," expressed Elizabeth.

ATTORNEY SETTLES HOME EXPLOSION LITIGATION FOR \$975,000.00

Berkeley Heights attorney David C. Bendush announced the settlement this week of a lawsuit arising from a home explosion in Hunterdon County in September of 2014. The blast was caused by a contractor who was converting the home of his clients, from oil to natural gas. The clients were in the home with their infant daughter at the time of the explosion and fire. Davis Heating and Cooling had recently installed gas lines inside the home, and the time of the blast was attempting without success to purge the new gas lines. Large amounts of natural gas were caused to accumulate inside the basement until the gas exploded, nearly levelling the structure and knocking the clients to the ground where they stood. Mr. Bendush litigated the liability issues aggressively, and attained the unusual result of summary judgment for plaintiff on liability based on the legal doctrine of res ipsa loquitor. The defense had little choice but to settle quickly and on favorable terms, in order to avoid a trial.

The initial blast lifted the house off the foundation, blew out windows and doors, and started a fire. Although the clients were tossed about by the initial blast, they sustained no serious or lasting physical injuries, other than emotional distress. Other losses claimed included lost time from work, loss of use of their family home, and damage to portions of a comic book collection which had been stored in the basement. Evidence demonstrated that many original rare and valuable comic books and other collectibles were either partially or totally damaged in the fire.

This litigation was also unique because the homeowners insurance carrier asserted a lien of \$715,000.00 for the damages paid out on behalf of the insured (to demolish and rebuild the house, etc.) , and that lien was reduced significantly with the carrier receiving \$287,500.00 of the overall settlement, leaving the balance to compensate the homeowners for emotional distress and other losses.

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Entertainment will follow the dinner. It will include an Italian art slide presentation, Italian songs, and music. All ending with be invited to join in joyful dancing, which will include the Tarantella.

Reservations can be made on Facebook, by calling the Senior Center at 908 665-0046, or by e-mailing l.piovano@verizon.net or janex0002@gmail.com.

We hope to see you, grazie!

ROCK PARTY AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Keep your eye out for painted rocks around the community with a message from The Presbyterian Church at New Providence this Fall. They are hosting a "Rock Party" to spread the message of their current sermon series "Love Thy Neighborhood". The event will be held Sunday, September 25th in the church gym after their 9:30 a.m. church service. Families and friends will paint rocks and spread them around in parks, and

other community spaces to share God's love for their community.

If you find a rock, let us know by taking a photo and tagging the church #pcnp. All are also welcome to attend services every Sunday 9:30 a.m. for our Traditional or Contemporary services or 11:00 a.m. Contemporary service in the 1307 Springfield Avenue, New Providence, NJ www.pcnp.org 908-665-0050.

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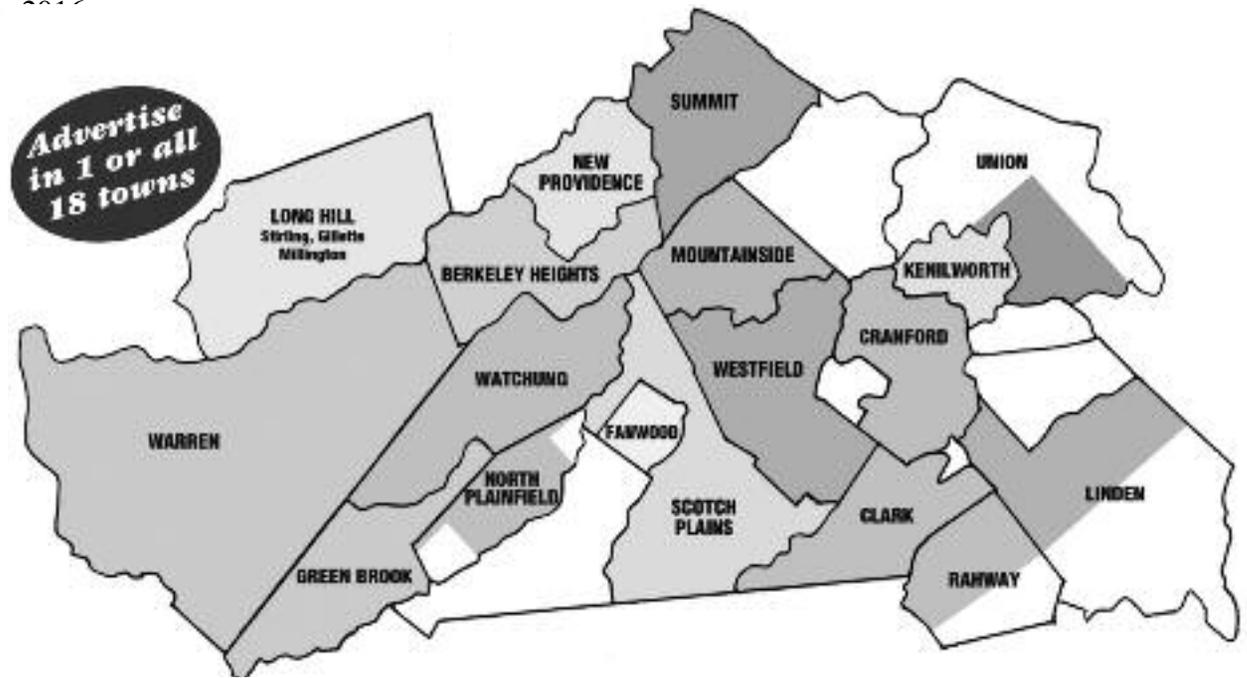
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Many thanks to our generous township businesses who donated prizes this year: Prestige Diner, Coppola's, Zita's Ice Cream, Acme, Starbuck's and Random House.

The Fall season promises to be a busy one as well. There are so many programs for so many different interests. NPML's regular offerings include movies on Tuesdays, foreign movies, the Baseball Discussion group, and day and evening book groups along with a full schedule of story times and a special baby lapsit story time for the younger set. Check the calendar on the library

website for fuller descriptions or take a Fall Events calendar from the Circulation Desk to keep track events day-by-day. There's a separate Children's Room schedule with all times and events.

Special events coming up include Will as I Knew Him on Sunday, September 25 at 3 p.m. Dr. Peter Lubrecht, an actor and Shakespeare scholar and teacher will enlighten us with stories and facts about The Bard from the perspective of one of his mates. No high falutin' language in this presentation, just some fun facts presented in an entertaining manner.

Come out and support the library on Saturday, October 1 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. when the Friends of NPML present a Fall fundraiser. The Great Swamp Nursery will present a program on Fall gardening and the Friends will include a Fall bulb giveaway to all participants. Stay tuned to our website for more details.

NPML will be celebrating October as National Book Group month this year with 2 specific

programs. The first features New Providence's own Doris Parmett will speak about Tips for Moderators & Best Book Types for Book Groups on Sunday, October 9 at 2 p.m. Doris is an author, teacher and moderated the evening library book group for many years.

The second program features Rosalind Reisner, a librarian, blogger and Reader's Advisory expert who will share reading suggestions in Great New Fiction for Book Groups on Thursday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m.

We have something for sports fans as well. John Nolan and John Cronin of the Baseball Discussion Group will present a discussion of A History of Same-City World Series Games on Sunday, October 23 at 2 p.m. Their knowledge of baseball history and good humor will make this an entertaining and lively discussion for everybody.

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