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NEW PROVIDENCE FIRST POLICE YOUTH ACADEMY

SUBURBAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FIRST FRIDAY NETWORKING BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 2, 2016 8:00-9:30am

GRAND SUMMIT HOTEL 570 Springfield Ave

Summit, NJ 07901

8am Registration www.suburban chambers.org The first New Providence Police Youth Academy was conducted on July 11 to July 15 and was attended by 11-13 year old borough children. The academy was directed by Lt. Justine Kennedy and Det. Michael Hand. Instructors were Cpl. Chad Wilson, Ptlm. T.J. Hoppe, Ptlm. Nick Guerriero and Ptlm. Joseph Parlapiano.

The participants learned about military-style drilling and discipline. The cadets observed and investigated a "crime scene". There were visits from the New Providence Fire Department, New Providence EMS, NJ State Police helicopter, Union County K9, Union County Bomb Squad and Union County SWAT Team. The class visited the John H. Stamler Police Academy and participated in the confidence course. They also got to observe their instructors in simulated shoot and don't shoot situations through the use of the Firearms Training Simulator (FATS). The cadets received a completion certificate during a ceremony. The program received support from Zita's Ice Cream, Coppola Ristorante and TransOptions.

















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at the casino, the trip includes a \$25 coupon for

slot play. The sightseer could also grab a bite to

eat, courtesy of the Senior Center, by way of a

senior citizen trip has remained steady ranging

from 35 to 55 people, during the summer months,

when it is most popular, people have been turned

away because of lack seating space. The winter

is when the numbers dwindle, but those cold

winter months still produce 35 participants. This

is due to the amazing experience that is provided

and how often the trip is made accessible. While

the trip was designed for seniors any one can

participate and all are welcome from any town.

August 22nd, trips are every third Monday of the

month. The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. and returns at

7:30 p.m. It is important to call and reserve your

seat, especially during these summer months, or

you risk the chance of being turned away. For

more information or to make a reservation please

The next trip to Atlantic City is on Monday

The amount of people that have attended the

\$10 food voucher, also included in the ticket.

SENIOR TRIPS TO ATLANTIC CITY

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The ever popular senior citizen bus trip to boardwalk. If the traveler decided to try their luck Atlantic City is still going strong and is more popular than ever, especially in these summer months when people would much rather be outside enjoying the summer weather than indoors. For the past 14 years Ramona Radbmacher, 2nd vice president and Program Chairwoman, has put together this special monthly event to provide community members a chance to enjoy all the attractions that Atlantic City has to offer.

The trip is approximately two hours long, during the ride to Atlantic City patrons are granted first class treatment. The Senior Center has secured Vanderhoof Bus Services, providing brand new plush seating, with plenty of leg room, accommodating up to 56 individual passengers. During the 2 hour ride passengers are entertained by a movie, or may choose to conserve their energy by taking a nap before the fun filled day ahead.

Once the commuters reach their destination, they are free to enjoy the scenery, take their chances at the casino, enjoy the beaches and

DR. KEITH MASON JOINS CAMP BROADWAY

call 908-647-3295.

Dr. Keith Mason, teacher of Italian at New Providence High School, has joined Camp Broadway as a consultant and study guide author. The New York based company uses theatre as an educational tool. One of the company's offerings is a series of study guides called StageNotes. Dr. Mason will be developing study guides and digital interactive materials for Broadway musicals and plays. He is currently writing a book entitled "Musicals across the Curriculum" and has published numerous articles on using musicals to enhance student learning. Dr. Mason received eight Rising Star Awards from the Paper Mill Playhouse for Educational Impact for using his school's spring musicals to enhance the high school curriculum. He observed that "Musicals are not only for entertainment; they can also be powerful educational tools." Dr. Mason just celebrated his twentieth anniversary at New Providence High School.









ALERTS FROM NEW PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Anthony D. Buccelli, Jr. - Chief of Police

On July 28, 2016, a resident in the area of Woodbine Circle reported that both of their vehicles had been entered in the overnight hours. The vehicles were parked in their driveways and the incident was discovered when the owners found several items missing. The vehicles that were entered fit the description of vehicles that have been stolen from the Borough and in surrounding towns. Residents should be advised that these vehicles being targeted are considered to be "luxury vehicles" or known to possess "push to start" technology.

A Borough resident reported that an unknown person tried to mail them a check for an item that they had listed for free on the internet. The resident received the check in the mail and was aware of the scam. The resident did not cash the check. This is a common scam that has taken place recently and our residents should be reminded that individuals act anonymously over the intent and are attempting to take advantage of the banking system, leaving them liable for a bounced check and several thousand dollars less in their bank accounts.

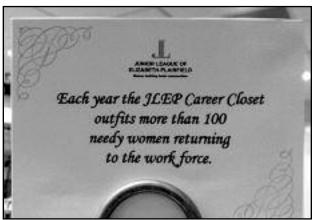
A Borough resident reported that an unknown individual accessed their bank accounts and stole over \$35,000. At the time of the report, it is unknown how the suspect accessed the account. The victim does not use the internet to make purchases or pay accounts. The matter is being investigated by the Detective Bureau.

CLEAN OUT YOUR HOUSE, FILL UP YOUR SOUL!

Do you have clothing, toys and small housewares gathering dust in your house? Your de-cluttering can do so much good in our community! Please bring your donations of clothing and accessories (men's, women's, kid's and maternity), gently used toys, small housewares and Halloween costumes to Jumble Store, 110 Walnut Ave. in Cranford, every Wednesday through August 24th from 4pm to 6pm!

Your donations help fund the Career Closet, which provides FREE business wear to local women re-entering the workforce, the Teen Closet, which provides underserved high school seniors with FREE professional clothing and resume/college application assistance and scholarships for exceptional local HS seniors.

Don't throw those used clothes out or put them in a random collection box! Know that your generous donations are helping your friends and neighbors all over Union County by donating to the Jumble Store. For more information or questions, please contact us at information@jlpenj.org or call 908 709 1177.



The Jumble Store, Career Closet and Teen Closet are all projects administered by the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield (JLEP). The JLEP is an organization of volunteer women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership. Would you like to join us to make your community a better place? We'd love to hear from you at information@jlepnj.org. Visit our website jlepnj.org and follow us on Facebook at The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield.



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Lunch 11am	[,] 3:30pm	Dinner 3:30pm - 10:00pm				
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AUDITIONS ANNOUNCED FOR JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

Open auditions for a musical version of James and the Giant Peach will be held at CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford on Monday, August 29 and Thursday, September 1. Children will be seen from 7- 8pm and adults from 8-10pm. Call backs will be by invitation only on Wednesday, September 7, 2016 7:30pm.

Rehearsals will be at CDC Theatre and will begin on October 18. Multiple performances are set for December, 9, 10 and 11.

Visit www.cdctheatre.org for more details.

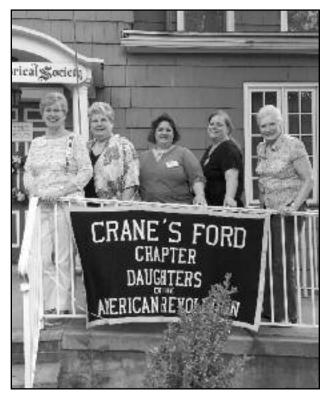


DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's volunteer service organization dedicated to historic preservation, education and patriotism. For membership in the DAR a woman must prove her lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. DAR volunteers are always willing to provide guidance and assistance with your search for ancestors.

The Crane's Ford chapter was organized in March of 1944 in Cranford. Meetings are held from October to June each year. Programs include guest speakers giving presentations on Conservation, Historic Preservation, and American History, visits to the VA facility in Basking Ridge, and the annual holiday party when school supplies are collected for DAR sponsored schools.

For more information the Crane's Ford chapter Registrar, Patti Campanelli, can be reached by email at patushkat@aol.com or visit the National DAR at www.dar.org.

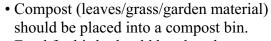


RODENT ADVISORY

Borough of New Providence

It has come to our attention, with the help of our residents, that rats have been seen in certain areas of the Borough. The Westfield Regional Health Department has provided us with some precautions to take in order to prevent rats and other rodents from forming homes in your homes.

- Clean up your yard and driveway of all debris, and cut any high grass and/or weeds.
- Place all garbage in metal or plastic containers with tight fitting lids.
- Use adequate sized garbage containers to prevent overloading and spillage of garbage onto the ground.
- Eliminate possible rat harborage areas under porches and outside staircases, and around shed foundations by using fencing or blocking openings where possible.
- Pile all wood or other material stored outside into closely packed units at least six (6) inches off of the ground.



- Food for birds should be placed on a platform at least four feet from the ground and be constructed to eliminate food from spilling to the ground. The feeding of domestic animals outdoors should be avoided, or the area should be checked and cleaned on a daily basis.
- Gardens should be fenced with small meshed wire and maintained on a regular basis.
- Animal feces must be cleaned up on a regular basis.
- Remove any fruit that has fallen from trees on a daily basis.
- Obtain a professional exterminator to inspect and bait your property, if you notice any evidence of rat burrows on your property.

If you have any questions or would like to report a rat sighting please contact the Board of Health (908) 789-4070.





MOTHER LAUNCHES LOCAL AUTISM SEARCH DIRECTORY

Officially launched this past April, NeedQuest.com is an innovative take on something that's become quite familiar in the 21st century: the online local search directory.

However, what sets NeedQuest apart from other similar websites is two-fold. In addition to being a community-building site that directly connects parents of special needs children in the greater Westfield area with reputable service providers located right in their backyards, this new website is also founded by a local parent of a special needs child.

"My 14 year-old son, Jack, was diagnosed at age three with an autism spectrum disorder," says

Leslie Crowe, Founder of NeedQuest LLC. "At herself combing the Internet in search of answers that time, I was told by our public school district for, as well as her own anxiety and despair in Brooklyn to locate a Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT) on my own. It was quite a jarring experience because I didn't know where to begin! The internet? The yellow pages? Our pediatrician? I really had no idea."

For Crowe and her son Jack, it took four more months before they could find an appropriate professional. Thereafter, locating an appropriate school for Jack took another three years. Over time, as Jack grew, so did his needs. From therapy to after school programs, summer camps and more, the list of concerns that Crowe found



(above) Jack and Leslie Crowe

steadily increased.

"I know there are a lot of special needs parents looking for resources for their children," Crowe says. "However, I could not fathom that there wasn't a more efficient tool to navigate the Internet while searching for local providers to meet our children's needs. Eventually, after years of personal frustration, in 2015 I founded NeedQuest.com and committed myself to filling this void for the special needs community."

When it comes to affirming the need for Crowe's mission, the numbers don't lie.

According to the 2012 National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs (NSCSN), nearly 14 percent of children under 18 years of age in the United States, or approximately 10.2 million children overall, were estimated to have special health care needs. In New Jersey, the same study uncovered that out of the state's 1.5 million school-aged children, the number of children reported to have a disability is 4.5 percent, or 67,772 children overall.

32 percent of parents spend more than 40 hours per week with their special needs child or the amount of time equal to a second full-time job.

As such, helping her fellow special needs parents ease these kinds of concerns has become a driving force for Crowe.

"Parents are looking for services and providers at a time in their lives when they have the least amount of energy," she emphasizes. "With NeedQuest, we're aiming to be a catalyst for change when it comes to northern New Jersey special needs search - and hopefully, we'll make everyone's life, both parents and providers a little easier."



PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL DIRECTOR BIDS FAREWELL

After 30 years of service as a teacher and Director of The Presbyterian Church at New Providence Preschool and Kindergarten, Jeanne Ross has decided to retire. Working anywhere for 30 years is uncommon, but Jeanne has been steadfast in her service as Director and has touched many children and their families.

She began as a Nursery school teacher for ten years and when the opportunity became available to become the Director she gladly accepted the position. Jeanne has seen many changes not only in the school but in the New Providence community, but her philosophy has stayed the same "provide a Christian environment that is nurturing, loving, and encouraging for children". Her commitment to excellence in the curriculum has been a testament to the school but she believes the most important aspect is having the right people in place to fulfill this philosophy.

Her advice to parents as she leaves is simple "be present". In her last newsletter at the school she wrote this, "When we are present, we are paying undistracted attention, we are listening, we are affirming that someone is more important than our schedule and playlist for the day. We are giving space for joys, for sorrows, for playing, for praying, for navigating hard topics, for answering questions about who God is, for sharing successes, and failures, for wiping away tears, for laughter, for hugging and holding, for sharing our childhood stories, for grace and forgiveness, for taking actions that will bring health and happiness, for authentic relationship." Jeanne is ready to start new adventures with her husband who is also retired, and to spend more time with her grandchildren. They are expecting

"present" now for her grandchildren.

Jeanne stated "It has been a gift to be part of The Presbyterian Church at New Providence Preschool and its church family, Thank you, thank you, thank you!" Maury Fryer will be her

their fifth grandchild. She wants to ensure she is successor and has been working at the school in the 2's class for 29 years, a program that Maury created. Maury is excited for the opportunity and begins her new position in July. Jeanne's advice to Maury is "be yourself" and to always ask this question "is this best for the children?"



(above) Nursery School Director, Jeanne Ross with children from The Presbyterian Church at New Providence Preschool.

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