

RESOLUTION
of the
BOROUGH OF NEW PROVIDENCE
Resolution No. 2018-

Council Meeting Date:

Date Adopted:

TITLE RESOLUTION APPROVING REQUEST OF THE NEW PROVIDENCE
DIVERSITY COMMITTEE TO SPONSOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Councilperson _____ submitted the following resolution, which was duly
seconded by Councilperson _____.

WHEREAS, the New Providence Diversity Committee wishes to sponsor the
following community events:

- November 10 – Diwali Celebration (DeCorso Center)
- December 7 – Night of 1000 Stars (Centennial Park)

and;

WHEREAS, the New Providence Diversity Committee wishes to utilize borough
property and utilize the services of borough departments such as Police, Public Works,
EMS, Fire Department and Administrative Personnel when planning events, as outlined in
the attached request.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the
Borough of New Providence that they hereby approve the request of the New
Providence Diversity Committee to sponsor community events as listed in this
resolution.

Subject: Diversity Committee's Plans to host Diwali (Nov. 10th) & Night of a Thousand Stars (Dec. 7th)

Please see below two upcoming events the Diversity Committee would like to host and ask for your assistance in getting the necessary approvals and administrative details worked out:

1) Diwali Celebration November 10th at De Corso Center from 5:00 to 8:00 PM

Event details: Potluck dinner celebrating Deepavali the festival of lights commonly known as 'Diwali' with entertainment including dance, music & poetry. A free family friendly event for all the residents of New Providence.

2) “Night of a Thousand Stars” Community Tree Lighting Event Friday, Dec 7 7-8:30pm (5pm Set-Up)

Centennial Park

Cost: FREE Open to all!

Academy Street closed during event (the police usually barricade for us and an officer helps attendees cross Springfield Ave for the event). DPW usually beautifully hangs lights in Centennial Park and chooses a balled live tree for the pavilion which is later planted in Veterans Park in the spring to help with drainage.

Diversity Committee Members create or donate culturally diverse decorations including Chinese Lanterns, Diwali Lights, and Dreidels just to name a few. LaBefana came last year and was invited to visit us again this year. In Italian folklore, LaBefana is an old woman who delivers gifts and candy to good children on Epiphany Eve (the night of January 5th).

Summary of event:

This festive outdoor “summer-concerts-in the park” style winter family friendly all inclusive event includes live music, free hot cocoa courtesy of Prestige Diner (and served by the New Providence Lions), and donut holes donated by the New Providence Lions. The NPDF and NPPD are invited to bring their trucks/cars and have in the past given out candy canes. Musical performances include Al Elefante, the Chatham Brass Quintet, a bagpipe performance, the NJ Youth Choir, and the New Providence Middle School Girls Ensemble, and a visit from LaBefana. The event is free and open to all. Attendees stroll through beautiful Centennial Park, which is festively draped with lights, decorations made by volunteers, and filled with the warmth of our wonderful community. As part of this event, we include our CSA (Community Service Association of New Providence) to collect gift cards for our families in need. Donors become a “Star” in our community by donating gift cards of any amount from any retailer at the Community Service Association of New Providence (CSA) table at the event and are given in exchange, a personalized star to be hung on our community tree in the pavilion. Everything collected by the CSA goes directly to New Providence families in need this holiday season and thereafter. The community tree in the pavilion is a burlap balled live tree that is later planted in the spring in Veterans Park and helps with drainage.