

## PAPHS Marks Back to School With Community Outreach Events

As summer winds down and students return to the classroom, members of the Port Authority Police Hispanic Society (PAPHS) joined together with community members to celebrate the end of summer.

**Sgt. Lenny Duque, Officer Enmanuel Cruz, and Officer Dianna Rodriguez** were on hand on August 12 at Wynona's House Child Advocacy Center in Newark for a meet and greet with local residents and community members. The officers discussed the importance of community safety and crime prevention, meeting face to face with local residents of all ages to celebrate the end of summer and the back-to-school season.

Then earlier this week, PAPHS members came together once again to host its annual school supplies giveaway. On August 28, **Sgt. Lenny Duque, Officer Luisa Blackie, Officer Jonathan Figueroa, Officer Dianna Rodriguez, Officer Ivan Sagastume, and Marilyn Feliz** — Port Authority Hispanic Society President — hosted more than 200 students in Carteret, NJ, distributing



Officers Enmanuel Cruz and Dianna Rodriguez serving up delicious summer BBQ fare



From left: Officer Jonathan Figueroa, Sgt. Lenny Duque, Marilyn Feliz, Officer Angelina Reno, Officer Luisa Blackie, Officer Ivan Sagastume, and Officer Dianna Rodriguez

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## SWF Welcomes First-Ever Nonstop Flight From the Faroe Islands

New York Stewart International Airport recently welcomed the first-ever nonstop flight from the Faroe Islands — a popular seasonal tourist destination — with the arrival of the inaugural flight by Atlantic Airways.

The flight, which landed at SWF on the night of August 22, represented the latest milestone for the Orange County airport, which has seen significant growth and development in recent years.

Atlantic Airways will run this seasonal weekly service between SWF and Vágar Airport through September 20. The flight, which takes about 6 hours, runs to the Faroe Islands on Wednesdays, while return flights



Aviation Deputy Director Aidan O'Donnell joined Atlantic Airways leadership and elected officials to welcome arriving passengers to SWF

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## Join the Agency in Remembering Our Fallen Colleagues

This year marks the 22nd anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. We invite you to come together in remembrance of our cherished friends who were so tragically lost.

Each year on this occasion, we honor the 84 colleagues who were killed on 9/11, among them 37 members of the Port Authority Police who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of saving lives, and we also pay tribute to those who perished in the 1993 WTC bombing. Please join

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backpacks and school supplies for local children. The effort was made possible thanks to contributions from throughout the PAPD ranks. The event was hosted in conjunction with the Carteret Sportsmen Bulldogs football league.



From left: Sgt. Lenny Duque, Elizabeth Keefe from Wynona's House, Officer Dianna Rodriguez, and Officer Enmanuel Cruz



## WORKING ADVANTAGE DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Port Authority employees and retirees can take advantage of hundreds of discounts at stores, theaters, theme parks, and more through Working Advantage, the PA's Employee Discount Program partner. Visit [www.workingadvantage.com](http://www.workingadvantage.com) and use the PA Member ID number, 405042634.



# Month of Service: Join Your Colleagues in Service and Remembrance

This year, as we mark the 22nd anniversary of 9/11, we invite all agency staff and retirees to give back to the community in honor of the friends and colleagues we lost in the attacks on the World Trade Center on February 26, 1993, and September 11, 2001.

[Registration is open](#) for our annual Remembrance Through Renewal (RTR) Month of Service events. We've incorporated feedback from previous years and partnered with more organizations to give our Port Authority community additional opportunities to volunteer across the bistate region.

### Registration Information

For more details and to register for events, please see below. The password to register is "**rtr2023!**".

[Community Food Bank of New Jersey](#)  
9/1, Hillside, NJ

[South Street Seaport Museum](#)  
9/5, Manhattan

[New York Common Pantry \(Manhattan\)](#)  
9/6, Manhattan

[Battery Park City Authority](#)  
9/7, Manhattan

[King Manor](#)  
9/7, Queens

[Friends of Liberty State Park Event #1](#)  
9/8, Jersey City, NJ

[Friends of Liberty State Park Event #2](#)  
9/9, Jersey City, NJ

[City Harvest](#)  
9/12, Brooklyn

[New York Common Pantry \(Bronx\)](#)  
9/13, Bronx

[NJ Tree Foundation](#)  
9/14, Jersey City, NJ

[Bruce Reynolds Garden](#)  
9/15, Manhattan

[St. John's Bread & Life](#)  
9/18, Brooklyn

[Jersey Explorer Children's Museum](#)  
9/19, East Orange, NJ



2022 volunteers at the Prospect Park Alliance event in Brooklyn.

[New York Blood Center Blood Drive](#)  
9/19, 4 WTC, Manhattan

[Snug Harbor](#)  
9/19, Staten Island

[PAVA Military Care Package Packing Event](#)  
9/20, 4 WTC, Manhattan

[Hudson Valley Foodbank](#)  
9/22, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY

[Project Hospitality](#)  
9/22, Staten Island

[New York Transit Museum Event](#)  
9/25, Brooklyn

[9/11 Memorial & Museum](#)  
9/26, Manhattan

[Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy](#)  
9/26, Brooklyn

[Greater Newark Conservancy](#)  
9/27, Newark, NJ

[Part of the Solution](#)  
9/27, Bronx

[Queens Botanical Garden](#)  
9/28, Queens

[Long Island Cares](#)  
9/29, Bethpage, NY

Visit the [RTR SharePoint site](#) for more event information and FAQs. Please contact **Bianca Johnson** ([bjohnson@panynj.gov](mailto:bjohnson@panynj.gov)) or **Seth Kerr** ([skerr@panynj.gov](mailto:skerr@panynj.gov)) with any questions.

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us in heartfelt remembrance at a service, during a moment of silence, or through acts of community generosity.

### Rose Service: Thursday, September 7

Employees and members of the PA family will gather on the morning of Thursday, September 7 for a rose-laying service to pay tribute to the fallen. Participants should meet no later than 8:30 a.m. on the South Oculus plaza (next to 3 WTC) and walk to the 9/11 Memorial together for a brief service.

The first Rose Service was held in 2021 as part of the 20th anniversary commemoration, and we have continued this annual tradition as a way for all employees to honor the memories of our colleagues.

### Moments of Silence and Interfaith Remembrance Service: Monday, September 11

The agency's annual Interfaith Remembrance Service will be held at St. Peter's Church on Monday, September 11. Church doors will open at 1:30 p.m., and the service will begin at 2 p.m.

St. Peter's is located at 22 Barclay Street, one block north of the World Trade Center. This year's service will also be shared on [www.panynj.gov](http://www.panynj.gov) and the agency's [YouTube account](#) for those unable to attend in person.

No matter where you are that day, **we ask you to join us in observing moments of silent reflection at 8:46 a.m. and 9:03 a.m. on September 11 — marking the moments when each of the two towers were struck.** Flags at all Port Authority facilities will be flown at half-staff in memory of the thousands who were killed.

### Month of Service: Throughout September

The generous spirit of the Port Authority shines in September during the annual Remembrance Through Renewal (RTR) Month of Service. Employees and retirees can participate in volunteer events throughout the bistate region to beautify local parks, feed the hungry, support our nation's veterans and so much more. To join your colleagues in service and remembrance, see *Month of Service: Join Your Colleagues in Service and Remembrance*, on page 2.

We hope that each of you will participate in at least one of these commemorative events. After all, it is by upholding our collective promise to never forget that we continue to heal — creating together a legacy of resilience, service, and hope.

## Flight From the Faroe Islands

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to SWF operate each Tuesday.

Known for its awe-inspiring landscapes and eco-tourism, the Faroe Islands are not easily accessible from the U.S. due to the archipelago's remote location in the north Atlantic Ocean and its historically limited air service. Vágar Airport serves the capital of Tórshavn, which is also its largest city.

For more information on this historic new service, see our [previous coverage in PA News](#).



## GOT NEWS FOR NEXT TIME?

Do you have news from your team, department or employee group to share in the next PA News? Send it to [panews@panynj.gov](mailto:panews@panynj.gov) by September 8 to be included in the September 15 issue.



## CALENDAR

### [PAWC Power Hour: TB&T](#)

Thursday, September 7, noon to 1 p.m. Join the Port Authority Women's Council (PAWC) for a TB&T Power Hour, where PAWC will highlight women leaders who manage our iconic facilities within Tunnels, Bridges, and Terminals. All PAWC members will receive an invite. Non-members can [register here](#).

### [PAWC Meet and Greet: EWR](#)

Tuesday, September 12. EWR Building 1, from 1 to 2 p.m. Join the Port Authority Women's Council (PAWC) for a meet and greet in the lobby of Building 1 at Newark Airport. Meet with the PAWC Board,

learn more about what PAWC represents, share your feedback, and, if not already a member, learn how you would benefit from joining PAWC. Refreshments will be available. PAWC looks forward to meeting you!

### [PAHS: De Todo Un Poco \(A little bit of everything\)](#)

**\*NEW DATE\*** Thursday, September 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. The Port Authority Hispanic Society (PAHS) will host a celebration of cultural diversity at "De Todo Un Poco," a mixer and cultural exploration of flavors, rhythms, and traditions, at Xchange at Secaucus, 4000 Riverside Station Boulevard, Secaucus, NJ. Explore the many facets of the Hispanic culture, including music,

dance demonstration, and cuisines. Early registration is \$25; tickets are \$35 at the door. PAHS members will receive an invitation. Non-members can register by emailing [PAHS@panynj.gov](mailto:PAHS@panynj.gov).

### [PA Bowling League](#)

Starting in September. Either on Mondays or Tuesdays, at 6 p.m., Hudson Lanes, 1 Garfield Ave., Jersey City. Bowling, anyone? For the first time in nearly four years, the PA Bowling League will be back in action each week. Play starts on the week of September 12 and will run over a 30-week season with four-person teams. Friends and family are welcome! For more information, contact **Kathleen O'Connor** at [kmoconnor@panynj.gov](mailto:kmoconnor@panynj.gov).

# COVID-19 on the Rise, Remain Vigilant

In case you missed it, in a [PA Broadcast](#) issued last Friday, the Office of the Chief Health & Safety Officer has continued to monitor the current uptick in positive COVID-19 cases that is currently hitting our region.

If you have tested positive or have symptoms, please contact your healthcare professional for treatment guidance. Be aware that symptoms may vary, so testing is the best way to determine if you have COVID-19.

Employees must continue to follow all absence reporting protocols, which includes contacting their manager/supervisor, and reporting their first day of absence to the Absence Evaluation Unit (844-667-2255) for civilians or the Absence Control Unit (800-451-7425) for PAPD.

For more information, including suggested safety precautions, see the [PA Broadcast](#).

## IN MEMORIAM

### Charles "Charlie" Fausti

His friends at the Port Authority were saddened to hear of the passing of **Charles "Charlie" Fausti**, Assistant Director of All-Electronic Tolling in the Tunnels, Bridges & Terminals Department. Charlie was a remarkable individual who will be remembered for his deep dedication to colleagues and the traveling public, a dedication that all of us will continue to experience, quite literally, every time we drive through an agency toll plaza.



Charlie joined the Port Authority in May 1978 as a Junior Professional Assistant. He joined right out of school after graduating with a bachelor's in civil engineering from Manhattan College. He rose through the ranks of the Port Authority, ultimately playing an integral role in the design, implementation, operation, and ongoing enhancement of the agency's electronic tolling system – his innovation, influence, and impact earning him the nickname, "The Father of E-ZPass."

Charlie's contributions to the E-ZPass system and to electronic tolling continued over several decades, culminating with the monumental completion of the Port Authority's fully cashless tolling system at all six agency crossings late last year.

Charlie will be remembered for the love he brought to not only his work but also his agency family. As we come together to commemorate the 22nd anniversary of 9/11, we celebrate the resilience and bravery of so many on that fateful day, including Charlie. During the 9/11 attacks, Charlie, a trained fire marshal, drew on his experience from surviving the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, guiding his team to safety from the 21st floor of the North Tower.

The TB&T team and all those who knew Charlie will miss him greatly as a mentor, a colleague, and a friend.

Charlie was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Louise, and his brother John.

Those wishing to send condolences may leave a message on Charlie's [digital memorial wall](#). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charlie's memory to the [Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation](#) or the [International Myeloma Foundation](#).

Please keep Charlie and his family, friends, and colleagues in your thoughts and hearts during this difficult time.

## PARA WANTS YOU

The Port Authority Retirees Association (PARA) invites active and retired Port Authority and PATH employees to join its almost 4,000 members.



PARA allows you to stay current with news about the agency, its employees and retirees, and with state and federal issues of importance to retirees, such as benefit, pension, and Social Security updates.

The membership fee is \$20 a year. Visit [www.paranyj.org](http://www.paranyj.org) for more information and to sign up for PARA's email bulletins.

## Every Dog Has Its Day at PA Airports' Pet Spaces

*Originally published in [Now Arriving](#), written by Media Relations' Cheryl Albiez.*

It may be a dog-eat-dog world out there, but it's paradise for pooches at PA airports. Just like their human companions, four-legged travel partners can relax after a ruff day thanks to several new amenities catering to pets throughout the region's airports.



With National Dog Day on Aug. 26, summer travelers can rest assured that furry travel buddies are taken care of when flying through John F. Kennedy International (JFK) and Newark Liberty International (EWR) airports, which are ranked among the nation's most pet-friendly airports. JFK in particular tops several surveys and travel blogs thanks to its various state-of-the-art amenities for pet travelers, including the travel advice company [UpGraded Points](#) that calls JFK "definitely the airport to beat when it comes to pet-friendly amenities."

These pet-friendly facilities go beyond federal requirements, with many featuring artificial grass and built-in drainage, a replica fire hydrant for pups that need a familiar sight, wash sink, bag dispenser, and waste receptacle.

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## TRADING POST

Did you know that you can use the [Trading Post](#) to request an item you're looking for? Work with your fellow PA employees to get any supplies you may need. Get started [here](#).

