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ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN SUMMIT ON MAY 29

The City of Summit is announcing the annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony will take place on Monday, May 29 at 10AM. The parade will begin at 25 Deforest Ave. and proceed to the Village Green. From the American Revolution up to present day conflicts, the parade honors those men and women who lost their lives in military service to our country.

Sponsored by the Summit Fourth of July Celebration Committee, the parade will be led by members of the Summit American Legion Post #322. Summit civic and school groups are encouraged to participate and march along with veterans. The Summit High School marching band, Summit Police Department, Summit Fire Department, First Aid Squad, and scout troops will also march in the parade.

Spectators are encouraged to gather on Deforest Avenue, Beechwood Road, Springfield Avenue and along Maple Street to the Village Green. Flags will be distributed to the crowd by marchers along the route. Veterans who are unable to march may request a ride in the parade; please meet members of the American Legion at the start of the parade at 25 Deforest Avenue to request assistance.

The ceremony on the Village Green will feature music from the Summit High School marching band, a rifle salute



and wreath-laying, and a special performance of “taps.” A Summit Veteran Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented followed by readings from local students. Veterans who attend the ceremony will receive a 2017 commemorative coin in recognition of, and appreciation for, their service.

Free hot dogs and cold drinks will be served on the Village Green courtesy of the Summit Elks Lodge.

To register your organization to march in the 2017 parade, contact Andy Smith at asmith@sslegalservices.com. More information on the parade and ceremony is available at summitcommunityprograms.com.

LIFEGUARDS WANTED AT SUMMIT FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER

The Summit Department of Community Programs (DCP) is now hiring certified lifeguards for the upcoming season at the Summit Family Aquatic Center (SFAC).

Working as a lifeguard at this award-winning facility guarantees many benefits, including great pay and flexible hours to name just a few.

Lifeguarding is a great employment opportunity for young professionals to develop important skills such as communication, teamwork, and time management. SFAC lifeguards are also largely responsible for the safety and well-being of members, whether they are assisting with first-aid needs or teaching young swimmers proper water safety techniques. Lifeguards are constantly helping others and impacting the community in great ways.

SFAC managers work hard to develop summer schedules around lifeguards’ needs, whether they be travel related, or to accommodate busy sports schedules. The flexibility of a lifeguarding position with the SFAC is difficult to find amongst other facilities or in other employment opportunities.

Applicants must be 16+ to apply. Lifeguard and First Aid/CPR/AED certifications are required. Interested applicants who are not currently certified may visit www.redcross.org to view upcoming lifeguard and First Aid/CPR/AED courses online.

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Community service organizations, schools and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos from recent events.

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EMS VOLUNTEERS "SPRING" INTO ACTION

April showers have long been known for bringing May flowers. But, this year in Summit, they have also brought quite a few requests for an ambulance response from the Summit Volunteer Aid Squad.

Just 12 days into the month of April, Summit's EMS volunteers have answered 72 emergency calls for help. 11 of those calls came on Tuesday, April 11. The day began with the Monday night crew responding with an ambulance and first responder unit to a 4 AM structure fire on Broad St. The Tuesday day crew took over at 7 AM and quickly went to work, answering 10 calls during their shift including 2 medical emergencies in private homes, a medical emergency at a dentist office, a burn injury resulting from a gas station fire, a medical emergency at a large office building, a fall victim on Summit Avenue, 2 multi car automobile accidents on Route 24, and a mutual aid response for possible heart attack in Berkeley Heights.

The 2 unrelated car accidents on Route 24 occurred at nearly the same location about 40

minutes apart. Just after 3 PM, Squad volunteers had staffed 3 ambulances responding to simultaneous calls on Orchard Street, Morris Avenue and River Road. Off duty members were summoned to staff additional ambulances to help cover those calls and did so quickly.

On a April 12, it appears the torch had been passed to the neighboring Springfield First Aid Squad as Summit volunteers were called on 3 separate occasions to assist with emergencies in that town. Two of those incidents were motor vehicle accidents with multiple patients and the 3rd was a medical emergency that occurred while the Springfield Squad was handling other calls.

April is also National Volunteer Month and nowhere in Summit is volunteerism more alive than at the First Aid Squad.

The all-volunteer First Aid Squad is always looking for new members to join its ranks. All needed training, uniforms and equipment is provided. For information, please call 908-277-9479, or visit their web site at: www.summitems.org.

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On Sunday, May 21, local Allstate agent Jim Fitzsimmons will be a sponsor of Susan G. Komen's Race for a Cure® at Liberty State Park in Jersey City, NJ. In addition, his agency, Premier Insurance Services, is holding a "Quotes for a Cure" fundraiser which will donate \$10 to Susan G. Komen from now until May 30 for every quote done on Auto, Home, Condominium or Life Insurance. His goal is to provide as many quotes as possible to maximize funds donated to the organization that is near and dear to his heart.



The Race for a Cure® is personal to Fitzsimmons as his mom was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1981. "I was very devastated when I heard the news as my mom was our primary parent, the one we turned to in time of need," said Fitzsimmons.

"I remembered thinking she was going to die and was so scared of how this would leave me and my sisters because my dad worked a lot and wasn't very involved.

Back in the 80's, I didn't know much about breast cancer. It seemed like something nobody ever talked about. I had never heard of a mammogram, early detection, a biopsy or lumpectomy. It almost seemed taboo. The only thing I really knew was that you could die from it.

My mom ended up having a double mastectomy, some chemotherapy treatments and luckily, she survived. My dad didn't really know how to deal with the illness, so he chose avoidance and wasn't very emotional. I would be the one that drove my mom to NYC and the one that sat with her in the hospital for hours. She is a strong woman that would not have let this illness take her from her four children. She loves us all so much and I believe that is what gave her strength.

My mom will be 82 in September. She is still fairly active, enjoys planting flowers, writing, seeing her rosary group each week and visiting her 12 grandchildren."

Fitzsimmons has been an Allstate agency owner for 12 years with offices located in Springfield and Summit, NJ. In order to obtain a quote, you may contact Jim Fitzsimmons at jfitzsimmons@allstate.com or call his Springfield agency at 973-379-1666.

To sign up for the Race for a Cure® on Sunday, May 21 or to become a sponsor, go to http://northjersey.info-komen.org/site/TR?fr_id=6734&pg=entry.



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SUMMIT DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS WINS AWARDS

The Summit Department of Community Programs was recognized by the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association as the recipient of two prestigious awards at their recent Awards Ceremony held in Atlantic City, NJ.

The City of Summit was recognized under the category of "Excellence in Design" for the recent Tatlock Park Tennis Court Project. Completed in the spring of 2016, this project was designed by Tom Miller of Premiere Product Development and was built by Classic Turf of Woodbury, Connecticut. The project was an exceptional example of a public-private partnership bringing together funding from the City of Summit, Union

County's Kids Recreation Trust Fund and a generous donation from the Summit Tennis Association. The total cost of the project was \$642,560. Union County's Kids Recreation Trust Fund contributed \$85,000 and the Summit Tennis Association donated \$100,000 towards this effort with the balance coming from the City of Summit's Capital Improvement Fund.

The project was recognized for this public/private partnership along with utilizing this state of the art and environmentally sensitive approach to tennis court replacement. This post-tensioned concrete approach is much like the technology used in bridge building and parking

deck construction. It eliminated the need for demolition and disposal of the existing asphalt surface. Along with this technology, the latest Musco LED lighting used in tennis court design was installed complete with timers to allow for maximum use with minimum wasted electricity. The Tatlock Tennis Courts are the home courts for the Summit Middle School Tennis Program sponsored by the Summit Tennis Association. The courts are available to the general public and are the site for the Summit Senior Tennis Program.

Summit also won an award in the category of "Excellence in Special Event Programming" for McMuni's Doggie Dip held annually at the Summit Family Aquatic Center. This incredibly well received event lets the Summit Family Aquatic Center go to the "dogs" in late September. The four legged swimmers get to enjoy this beautiful facility just like their two-legged family members. The event is so popular that it sells out annually.

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SUMMIT POLICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES SUMMIT PD CARES

The Summit Police Department announced the launch of a new community outreach initiative on April 10th, Summit PD CARES: Community Policing Awareness, Response, and Engagement with the Special Needs Community. The program was designed after several months of research, training, and collaboration with community partners and was created to help foster strong relationships and communication with Summit residents diagnosed with Autism, Alzheimer's, and Dementia.

Chief of Police Robert Weck stated "I am extremely pleased about the official launch of our new Summit PD Cares community service program." Mayor Nora Radest explained "It is another laudable and important step in Summit Police Department outreach and its goal of connecting with the community."

Summit PD CARES was announced by the Department as a modular program encompassing four unique services: CARES Registration, Smart911, CARES Sticks!, and Project Lifesaver. Those interested in registering for any of the services can contact the Community Policing Unit for more information or visit Police Headquarters to register. Project Lifesaver is administered by the Union County Sheriff's K9 Unit and those interested may contact the Unit directly or visit Summit Police Headquarters for more information.

"Summit PD CARES showcases an investment of dedicated resources and highlights our continuing work to enhance our abilities to provide the highest level of professional law enforcement services to every resident of our city

and furthers our outreach to residents with Autism, Alzheimer's, and Dementia," said Chief Weck. "The lines of communication and information available to our Officers via CARES will help us respond to calls for service with advanced information to help better serve our community."

The Police Department also worked closely with the Mountain Valley Emergency Community Center, the regional emergency

dispatch center for Summit, New Providence, and Millburn emergency services, to facilitate the program.

"Summit PD CARES represents a truly proactive law enforcement response to an important public safety need," Chief Weck said. "I'm proud that our Department continues to be a leader in using community and inter-agency partnerships to develop initiatives that benefit our city and its residents."



(above l-r) Summit Mayor Nora Radest, Officer Matthew Tarentino and Police Chief Robert Weck.

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The "Industry-Business Institute" at Union County College is partnering with Summit Public

Library to offer free workshops, in customer service, which will be taught by experts in their fields. These hands-on workshops in customer service will be offered Tuesday and Wednesday, May 9 and 10 from 8:00 am -12 noon. Participants will discuss and practice the principles of effective internal and external customer service. The workshops are designed to build skills in listening, probing and questioning, dealing with difficult customers, resolving conflict and complaints and diffusing tempers, while remaining positive and professional.

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AMY HERBER RECEIVES WOMAN OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Union County Commission of the Status of Women honored Mrs. Amy Herber at its recent 25th Annual Women of Excellence Awards & Celebration.

She was recognized for Lifetime Achievement/Education. Herber is currently the Student Assistance Counselor at Summit High School, and prior to that held the position of School Counselor. In both roles, her focus and

passion is to provide support for the students of Summit. In addition to working directly with SHS students, Herber is proud of the programs she plans for teens, parents, and community members, including the Parent Wellness Series, Challenge Day, OM3D and a variety of guest speakers. She is truly a Woman of Excellence, and Summit Public Schools is fortunate to have her as part of their team!



(above) Summit teacher Amy Herber was recognized for Lifetime Achievement/Education.

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Brian M. Schwartz was presented the Saul Tischler Award for Lifetime Achievement from the New Jersey State Bar Association Family Law Section during an event held on April 19th at the Ryland Inn of Whitehouse Station.

A lawyer who has dedicated his career to family law, he is the youngest ever to receive this prestigious award. The lifetime achievement award recognizes his contributions to advancing the development of family law and the profession, his service to the legal community, and his dedication to family law issues through teaching and advocacy.

Since becoming a member of the bar in 1993, Schwartz has been a rising star. He has been a member of the prestigious Family Law Executive

Committee of the New Jersey Family Law Section, and became Chair of the Family Law Section in 2013. During his term, he led a team which negotiated the terms of the new alimony law, and lobbied for its ultimate passage in September 2014. He also sits on the Supreme Court Family Law Practice Committee since 2013. For a complete biography, go to www.schwartzfamilylaw.com.

In addition to authoring numerous articles for the New Jersey Family Lawyer, the nationally recognized publication of the Family Law Section and numerous other publications, he also served as the Executive Editor of the New Jersey Family Lawyer.

A frequent lecturer at industry events, he has presented at more than 100 programs to educate members of the bar in the practice of matrimonial law. Schwartz was the moderator at the Family Law Symposium in 2014, one of the most widely attended programs offered by the Institute for Continuing Legal Education. In 2011, Schwartz was invited by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants to be a faculty member in its inaugural Expert Witness Skill Workshop in Washington, D.C. Since then he has participated five additional times at their events across the country. Schwartz had been the moderator for New Jersey Association for Justice at its Boardwalk Convention multiple times.

In addition to teaching, Schwartz has also provided expert commentary for media including The Wall Street Journal, American Lawyer and the nationally syndicated radio program Viewpoints. He has been named a Best Lawyer in America since 2011 and a Super Lawyer since 2007; his firm has been designated as a Tier 1 Law Firm, the highest ranking, since 2012.

A graduate of University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Schwartz and his family reside in Summit.



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KEVIN TAYLOR – TRYCAN COORDINATOR RECEIVES AWARD FROM NJ CASE

Kevin Taylor, coordinator of the TryCAN Collaboration, recently accepted the Annual Recognition Award from the New Jersey Council of Administrators of Special Education (NJ CASE). What makes this award such a tremendous honor is that NJ CASE does not typically look outside its own organization when considering award recipients.

NJ CASE is comprised of special education administrators from both the private and public sector who are committed to continuous improvement of their own leadership skills and the student programs they are responsible for providing. NJ CASE provides collegial support, opportunities for information sharing and professional development. Additionally, NJ CASE provides special education leaders with a representative voice concerning issues that affect the students and families served by special education.

Prior to the launch of TryCAN, children with special needs had limited opportunities to participate in activities throughout the community, particularly in recreation. In response to this need, a group of Summit parents formed TryCAN with their goal being to educate and train the local community to understand and actively include children with disabilities in recreational, social, and vocational activities.

Ten years later, TryCAN is now an award-winning collaboration of eleven communities, including Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Springfield. All programs incorporate trained Peer Mentors in a “kids helping kids” approach.



Typical teenage and adult volunteers are paired up with children with unique needs to boost their confidence while they tackle new sports, demonstrate newly learned reading skills, and develop important social skills.

More than 1000 students have completed the necessary Peer Mentor training session and gone on to volunteer with TryCAN. Mentors are instrumental in the success of this program and serve as a bridge to inclusion for TryCAN children within the school system as well as within the community in general.

If you or someone you know has a child with unique needs, consider enrolling in an upcoming spring or summer program with the TryCAN Collaboration. No non-resident fees apply and all are welcome to participate. Whether your child is interested in sports, improving reading skills, or dance and music, TryCAN has a program for everyone. Visit summitcommunityprograms.com or call 908-277-2932 for more information.

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On April 18th and 19th, Lincoln-Hubbard Elementary School 5th graders once again visited SAGE Eldercare to participate in an annual intergenerational program connecting school and community.

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SAGE RESALE SHOP ENCOURAGES SPRING CLEANING DONATIONS

It's that time of year when "spring cleaning" and de-cluttering are inviting ideas, and the SAGE Resale Shop offers a place to go with unwanted items.

The Resale Shop, located at 31B Chatham Road, Summit, and open Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, accepts donations during business hours of furniture, bric-a-brac, jewelry, shoes, gifts, decorations, housewares, china, and in-season, gently used, and current fashion.

In addition to seeking individual's donations, the shop accepts entire or partial estate donations, and offers an ever-changing selection of quality goods, at reasonable prices, for shoppers.

"One of the best benefits of giving unwanted items to (or shopping at) the Resale Shop is that the funds go directly back to the community for programs and services for older adults and their caregivers at SAGE Eldercare," said Rose Rittweger, manager of SAGE's Resale Shop.

The SAGE Resale Shop has helped provide funds for SAGE Eldercare programs and services since 1959. SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves amazing places to age since 1954. The organization provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. From helping with errands and Meals on Wheels, to exercise classes, community programs, care planning, an adult day health care center, and home health care, SAGE's expertise helps older adults remain independent in their own homes. SAGE is committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers throughout Union, Essex, Morris, and Somerset Counties.

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9 TO 5, THE MUSICAL, AT CDC THEATRE

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In May, at CDC Theatre in Cranford, three unlikely friends will take control of their office and learn there is nothing they can't do, even in a man's world. 9 to 5 The Musical, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie. Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little romantic.

"Having loved the movie, I was excited to see show when it was on Broadway, and was not disappointed. "Already in rehearsal at the theatre's home at 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford, Clifford Parrish, who is both the director and musical director of the show, shared some of his reasons for coming back to work on a show at CDC Theatre. "The audience was really with these women as their story unfolded. Even though we've come a long way on women's issues since 1979, the story still needs to be told. Even though it's a comedy, this show is about women's empowerment. The Dolly Parton score is also a lot of fun, with some truly beautiful ballads. I am excited about working with a tremendously talented cast!"

The large cast features frequent performers

at CDC and some new faces. Kara Wilson, Melissa Timpson and Hannah Schroeder take the leading roles of Judy, Violet and Doralee. Richard Colonna will be their lecherous boss Mr. Hart and Arlene Britt his adoring employee Roz. Jason Cilento is Joe, a handsome accountant smitten with Violet while Mark Piltz plays Doralee's supportive and attractive husband Dwayne, with Will Roper as Violet's teenage son Josh. Joel Redmount will play Hart's boss and Chairman of the Board, Mr. Tinsworthy and Danielle Gruskiewicz is Hart's unsuspecting wife. The ensemble and featured roles will be brought to life by Michele Greenspan, Katherine Brown, Joanna Riley, Carolyn Milhiser, Beth Kasper, Zach Mazouat, Edgar Hidlago and Tommy Lackamy.

The production will open on May 5 and run weekends through May 20. Additional information and tickets can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org.

Funding has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Dept. of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs



(above) The cast of 9 to 5 The Musical.

AUDITIONS FOR TWO PRODUCTIONS AT CHC

*Standing on Ceremony
and The Shape of Things*

CDC Theater, New Jersey's oldest continuously producing community theatre, will hold auditions for two exciting special productions that will take place in the early part of the theatre's 99th season.

The 2017 Short Play Festival featuring *Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays*, and other short pieces, will hold auditions on May 7 at 7:30pm and May 8 at 7:00pm with performances planned for September 7, 8 and 9. This special event is a non-equity, non-paying production and 50% of the ticket profits will be donated to the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network, or GLSEN. Auditions and performances will take place at CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Ave in Cranford, NJ. Additional information can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org or the Cranford Dramatic Club Facebook page.

In a second special event, director Cynthia Ross and cast will ask the questions. How far would you go for love? For art? What would you be willing to change? What price might you pay? Such are the painful questions explored by Neil LaBute in *The Shape of Things*. A young student drifts into an ever-changing relationship with an art major while his best friends' engagement crumbles, so unleashing a drama that peels back the skin of two modern-day relationships.

Auditions will be held on May 15, 16 at 7:45pm at the theatre's 78 Winans Ave location, with performances on August 10, 11 and 12 at 8:00pm.

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The Buy-A-Brick program allows you to support the Squad and also become part of their history. Commemorative bricks are available in 3 sizes and will be engraved with text chosen by each supporter. A logo or graphic of the donor's choosing may also be included. Each brick will be installed in the walkway outside the main entrance to the Squad's new headquarters on Summit Ave. across from the Lawton C Johnson Middle School.

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The First Aid Squad is funded solely by private donations, provides all services free of charge and is staffed 100% by volunteers. The First Aid Squad is always looking for new members to join its ranks. All needed training, uniforms and equipment is provided. For information, please call 908-277-9479, or visit their web site at: www.summitems.org.

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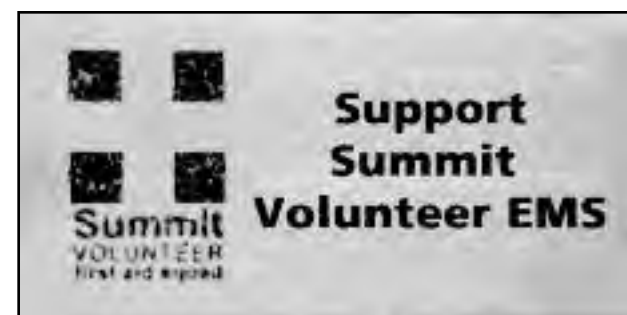
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"I had everything once, a house, family, backyard pool and a good job," he said. "But I lost everything and ended up homeless."

Yet Donovan never gave up. With the help of his sister and a family friend, he was referred to and became a member of CAU, which operates a Home First: Financial Stability Program through which the agency serves as the member's representative with the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Through the program, CAU first becomes the member's Representative Payee with the SSA. Upon receiving the participant's benefits each month, CAU pays their rent and utilities directly to their landlord and utility provider and makes the remaining funds available to them for personal use. CAU staff also work with the participant to create a budget plan that provides financial stability.

In addition, CAU staff provide guidance to the participant on how to obtain and maintain other county and state benefits, including Section 8, food stamps, low-income housing and more.

"The Home First Program is open to anyone in the community who needs this type of assistance but it is especially helpful for the homeless," said Samir Abdul, senior accountant at CAU and program administrator. "The program authorizes us to serve as their representative with the Social Security Administration, including providing bookkeeping reports that are necessary for them to maintain benefits."

"Equally important, this program allows us to help people who are homeless due to no cause of their own to achieve financial stability and turn around their lives. That's very rewarding for us."

"I do not know what would happen to me if CAU hadn't become part of my life," Donovan



(above) Richard Donovan, who was homeless for more than two years before joining Community Access Unlimited and enrolling in its Home First: Financial Stability Program, picks up donated furniture for his new apartment.

said. "I am very thankful to CAU and my entitlement specialist, Yanna Espinal."

Community Access Unlimited (CAU) is a statewide nonprofit providing support programs and services to adults with disabilities as well as youth served under the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to enable them to live independently in the community, providing supports in areas including housing, vocational skills and life-skills training, education, advocacy and recreation.

ABOUT COMMUNITY ACCESS UNLIMITED

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All animals are required to be registered within ten days of moving to Summit or reaching licensing age. However, a current license for another New Jersey municipality is accepted as compliance until that license expires. Once the license expires, the animal must be licensed in Summit.

Proof of rabies protection must accompany all applications. The State Department of Health has

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All renewal notices must be received by the City of Summit Health Department no later than the end of business day on Wednesday, May 31, 2017. After that date, a late fee of \$10.00 for each pet will apply. There is no late fee for first time registration. Summit residents with questions about licensing or rabies vaccinations should call the Health Department at 908-277-6464.

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