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SUMMIT PUBLIC ART INSTALLS NEW ARTWORKS DOWNTOWN



(above) Mixed media wall structure by artist Paul Santoleri on display in Lyric Park.



(above) Two bronze sculptures by artist Emil Alzamora on display on the Village Green.

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Summit Public Art is pleased to announce the installation of two new artworks, one on the Village Green and the other in the Lyric Park on Bank Street.

On the Village Green is a pair of figures sculpted in bronze, “Hector’s Return” and “Andromache,” based on the Greek myths. These sinuous, life-like pieces are exaggerated to reveal an emotional situation, something that the sculptor, Emil Alzamora, strives for in his work, which focuses on the human form. The large sculptures were installed with the help of City of Summit workers, and we thank them for their assistance.

Alzamora, a Peruvian native, was raised and studied in Florida and began his sculpting career in the Hudson Valley working with Polich Art Works. He now works independently and shows regularly throughout the United States and Europe. He lives in Beacon, NY.

The wall sculpture on the trellis in Lyric Park is by Paul Santoleri, who refers to the art as a mixed-media wall-piece because it is three-dimensional. Entitled “Crystal Starfish Bloom,” the art was commissioned by Summit Public Art for

this space. The sculpture consists of aluminite panels, concrete over a steel frame, with hand-blown glass, glass crystals, acrylic and epoxy. It will be displayed for nine months at this site.

Santoleri is an internationally renowned artist with works throughout the United States, Europe, South America, and Africa. Several of his wall murals are on view in Philadelphia where he has received numerous commissions from the city’s Mural Arts Program.

Other new installations are in the pipeline and will be hung soon. All these pieces are temporary and will be on display for 6 months to a year.

Summit Public Art receives no city funding; all money is raised through grants and private and corporate donations.

For more information, visit www.summitpublicart.com (under construction but you can learn more about us!), email us at summitpublicarts@gmail.com, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, @SummitPublicArt and #SPA.

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Celebrate the bounty of Fall – golden autumn colors, crisp weather, yummy harvest fare – with family and friends, and of course, goats at Reeves-Reed Arboretum's eagerly anticipated annual fall festival, Celebrate Fall, on Sunday, October 22, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Avenue in Summit.

The overarching theme for Celebrate Fall this year will be the eagerly anticipated return of our goats. Thanks to our friends Larry and Anne Cihanek from Rhinebeck, NY, our 'green goats' will once again be on hand to clear the Arboretum's historic Daffodil Bowl, as well as provide comic relief with their antics and gentle good natured frolicking. Sponsor a goat at the Arboretum and get your very own Genuine Certificate of Good Goatsmanship! Check our website to learn how you can send a "kid" to the Arboretum.

Along with a visit from the goats, the day's fantastic festivities and happy harvest happenings will also include games and crafts, face painting, a spooky trail, apple cidering, seasonal cooking demonstrations (with RRA Environmental Educator Althea Llewellyn), and an outdoor green market. A special added treat this year will be a pumpkin carving contest. All pumpkin entries must arrive at the Arboretum by Saturday, October 21 to be considered (please check our website for full details regarding rules and categories). Music will be provided by The Bard,

an innovative band that transforms Elizabethan music into Rock & Roll. And long time Arboretum friend, photographer Bruce Lorenz, will be on hand to capture the day's fun and activities for all.

Admission to Celebrate Fall is free to Reeves-Reed Arboretum members (thanks to ongoing support from Investors Bank). Non-members, \$10 per person/ \$25 per family, children under 3 free.

Celebrate Fall is sponsored, in part, thanks to support from Hall's Garden Center, King's Supermarket, and Iannella Landscape & Paving. For more information or to sponsor a goat ("Send a Kid to the Arboretum"), please check our website, www.reeves-reedarboretum.org or call Jackie Kondel, Director of Children's Education, at 908-273-8787 x 1515.

Celebrating over 40 years as an historic public garden, education resource, and non-profit conservancy, Reeves-Reed Arboretum engages, educates and enriches the public through horticulture and environmental education and the care and utilization of the gardens and estate. Open 7 days a week, the Arboretum is listed on both the National and New Jersey State Historic Registers. Funding for RRA has been made possible in part by the NJ Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, Dept. of Parks & Community Renewal.



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Riberto's Italian Seafood Bistro and Steakhouse will be the Shaw family's third business venture in Kenilworth.

Owner Kenny Shaw said "I have been a proud and established contributor to the Kenilworth community for the past 11 years. I was first introduced to the town of Kenilworth back in 2005 and immediately fell in love with it. We ended up taking over Kenilworth Liquors in 2006 and have been serving the community since. In 2014 we took ownership of Umberto's Italian Restaurant and gained valuable experience in the Italian restaurant industry. With the support of the community, Riberto's Italian Seafood Bistro and Steakhouse will be my third business venture and I look forward to your support."

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED TO SUMMIT CHILDREN IN NEED

The Christ Child Society of Summit and Bridges Outreach, Inc. recently partnered together to help provide school supplies to local children for an eighth year. Their collaboration helped to provide Summit students who are eligible for free and reduced price lunches with new school supplies before the start of the school year. This year 335 students each received approximately \$81 worth of school supplies and a new backpack. The school supplies distributed were based on the schools' requested lists of supplies by grade. Parents were able to direct funds that otherwise would have been used for school supplies toward necessities such as food and rent.

"The children are so excited about selecting their new school supplies, and the parents are grateful," commented Sally Golding of The Christ Child Society and co-chair of the event.

"It's gratifying to help children in our own community," said Jane Murphy, of The Christ Child Society and event co-chair.

Grants from the Summit Area Public

Foundation and the Summit Luminary Fund purchased a portion of the school supplies. Volunteers from Merrill Lynch and The Christ Child Society provided donations and assisted at the event. Summit residents also donated school supplies.

"This is always one of our happiest events of the year", said Lois Bhatt, Executive Director of Bridges.

About The Christ Child Society and Bridges Outreach, Inc.:

The Christ Child Society is a non-profit association of volunteers dedicated to serving local at-risk children. For more information, visit www.christchildsummit.org. Bridges is an outreach program for the homeless delivering food, clothing, toiletries and other necessities weekly to those who are homeless or in need in New York City, Newark, Irvington and Summit. Bridges also offers case management services in Newark.

For further information, visit www.bridgesoutreach.org.



(above l-r) Jane Murphy and Sally Golding of the Christ Child Society, co-chairs of the School Supply Drive and Distribution, and Lois Bhatt and Beth Tulloch, Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director, prepare for the annual school supply distribution.

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On Thursday, September 21, 2017, the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad presented a plaque with sincere appreciation to the Grand Summit Hotel for its generous provision of hot meals on all major holidays, including Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve/Day to the Summit EMS, Summit Police Department and Summit Fire Department.

This tradition was established several years ago when Summit EMS realized that on many holidays it is difficult for crews to find restaurants open for meals. Member Dave Schempp approached the Grand Summit Hotel to request food delivery on major holidays. The Grand Summit Hotel readily agreed and extended the outreach to include Summit police and fire departments.

(right) Grand Summit Hotel's Event Manager Jimmy Thornton; and General Manager Mike Marino, accepted a plaque from Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad President Mike D'Ecclessis.



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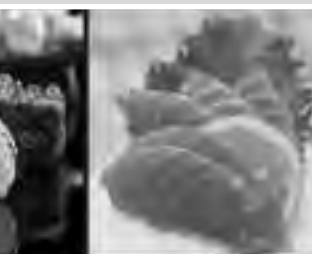


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During the September 19th Common Council meeting, Summit Mayor Nora Radest presented a proclamation naming September as First Aid Squad month while acknowledging the squad and its all-volunteer membership for more than 55 years of dedicated service to the Summit community.

“The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad provides an essential service and is truly dedicated to protecting and serving the citizens of Summit,” said Mayor Radest. “Whether it is for a simple injured ankle or a serious cardiac arrest, these highly-trained and committed volunteers are always prepared to help and ready when needed. I am honored to recognize the squad this evening and proclaim September as

First Aid Squad month. Thank you for the important role you play in our community.”

Founded in 1962, the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad serves as the City’s primary Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency, answering 9-1-1 medical calls 24 hours a day as well as providing stand-by coverage at community events, non-emergency medical transport for Summit residents, community safety and health training and frequent mutual aid assistance to surrounding towns. Staffed entirely by volunteers and funded solely through private contributions, the Squad operates 3 fully equipped ambulances, a first response truck, a

special operations trailer and one of New Jersey first EMS bike teams.

Neither their patients nor the taxpayer have ever received a bill for the squad’s services. Most of the squad’s funding is raised during the annual fund drive appeal which was recently mailed to each residence and business in Summit..

The all-volunteer First Aid Squad has 65 adult members, 20 junior members and is always looking for new members to join its ranks. All needed training, uniforms and equipment is provided. For information on becoming a volunteer, please call 908-277-9479, or visit their web site at: www.summitems.org.



(above) First Aid Squad President Mike D'Ecclessis (right) and Chief Kari Phair (left) accept the Proclamation certificate from Mayor Nora Radest.

BOARD OF ED MEETINGS BROADCASTED LIVE

The Summit Board of Education held its first live broadcast BOE meeting last month. The next meeting will be held at Summit High School on

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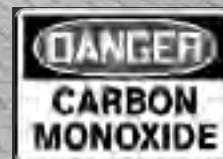


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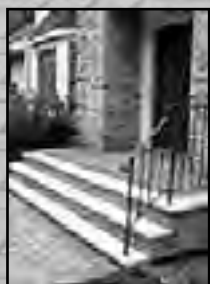
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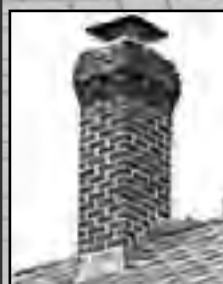
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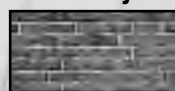
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STUDENT HIGHLIGHT - IRIA DIAZ

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Iria Diaz is a senior at Summit High School. Not only is she a strong athlete, but Principal Stacy Grimaldi describes her as a hard-working student who always has a smile on her face.

Playing soccer since the age of three, Iria has honed her skills and has continued to increase her



(above) Iria Diaz

love of the sport. Her current position is left outside back. She shared that there are numerous positive aspects of being involved with sports. Sports help individuals stay in shape and live a healthy lifestyle. They are a terrific stress reducer, distracting people for a period of time from their work, worries, or to-do lists. Sports also create an atmosphere where individuals can interact outside the classroom and allow for new friendships to develop and evolve. Iria also participates in winter and spring track, running the 400 meter dash and 200 meter dash. Her best times are 64.1 and 28.5, respectively. Outside of the Summit community she plays soccer year round as part of the Central Jersey Stars.

Although she does well in all her AP classes, Iria finds History most interesting. She is bilingual in Spanish and took Portuguese last year via the Virtual High School. Being a social person, she always enjoys class discussions, and finds socratic seminars exciting since students are encouraged to talk about a variety of topics such as their reactions to novels they are reading, and their opinions on controversial topics. "Always stay on top of your workload and don't

procrastinate," she advises. "Take any and all opportunities to challenge yourself."

Iria was recommended to be part of Peer Leadership as a junior, and is continuing this year. Peer Leadership is a program run by Amy Herber, Laura Gibson and Lauren Wells. The group helps the Summit community and holds fundraisers. They also visit elementary schools to interact with children. Iria is glad to be a role model for younger Summit students and takes her role seriously.

Iria is proud of where she comes from. "My parents and siblings are very supportive. From a young age they encouraged me to speak openly and communicate. That has helped me avoid taking things personally." She is also proud of her athleticism and determination. Setting goals for herself is paramount. For the 2017-2018 school year Iria plans to work hard and finish her SHS academic career strong. Beyond that, she wants to set those same goals in college where she may major in Sports Management.

"I always keep in mind the following words of my mother: a healthy body is a healthy mind," Iria said. And the best advice she has for others is, "Pursue what you want, and be who you are!"

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION GRANT

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(above) Environmental Commission member and project leader Jeff Hankinson.

LET'S GET GROWING . . . ADULTS AND CHILDREN SQUARE FOOT GARDENING PROGRAM

Come, let us show you how you can become a successful gardener and grow a bountiful harvest – even into the fall! Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit, under the direction of Environmental Educator Althea Llewellyn, is offering a fall version of Let's Get Growing!, the wonderful world of square foot gardening, with special sessions for adults as well as children. The autumn sessions run from September through November, so be sure to check out our website for a full schedule of workshop topics and times that work for you. Adults can choose from "Square Foot Gardening Basics" to "Planning for Spring"! Kids can learn to plant a Rainbow Garden, plan for a Garden Scavenger Hunt, or create unique Garden Crafts and Treats. Sign up for one class, or join us each month as we cultivate wonder with the innovative square foot gardening method.

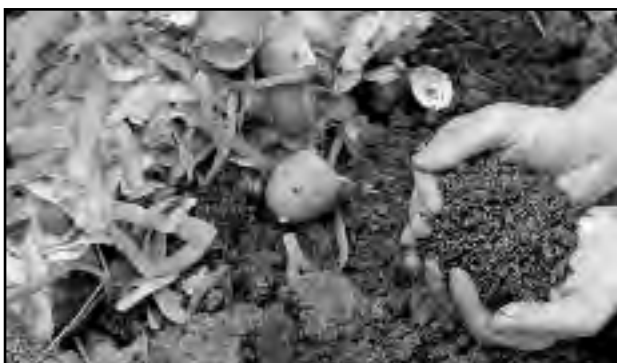
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(above) Gary Lewis with Department of Community Services staffers from the City of Summit construction office.

OPEN MIC NIGHT CONTINUES TO DRAW HIDDEN TALENT

When the United Methodist Church of Summit's first Open Mic Night season began, few could have foreseen the incredible level of talent that performers and listeners alike would witness, nor the emotional experience that each evening would provide. This free monthly event, held every last Friday of the month between September and May, was intended to grant performers the chance to explore their talents and just be themselves in front of an audience, sometimes for the very first time. From the very first evening, it was clear that the format was special, the enthusiasm real and the community ready to embrace it.

In its first nine months, Open Mic Night hosted more than 50 performers including: local singer-songwriters playing and singing their own compositions as well as versions of well-known songs; high school age kids, college students and

local choir members delighting folks with Broadway tunes and even a 10-year old with a voice yet to be discovered; a harmonica player and a classical guitarist; poetry, dramatic readings and interpretive dance; stand-up comedy; and rock bands made up of local students.

Open Mic Night is just as it is billed: open to all, providing performers with a welcoming, non-judgmental, non-competitive venue to explore and express their talents. The informal coffee-bar and stage is set up with microphones, a piano and keyboards, guitars and drums, as well as non-alcoholic drinks and snacks.

Please join us! The United Methodist Church of Summit is located at 17 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit. Open Mic Night times are from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

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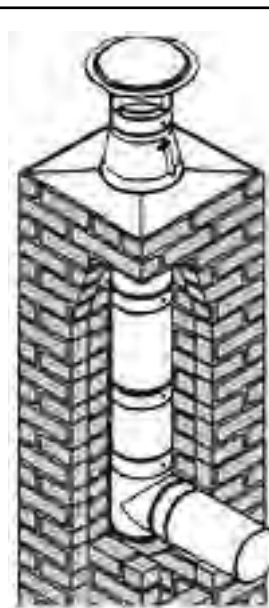
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SUMMIT DOWNTOWN OCTOBER EVENTS

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Downtown Trick-or-Treat

Tuesday, October 31 - 2:30-4pm

Children are invited to don their costumes and venture into downtown Summit after school on Tuesday, October 31. Downtown businesses displaying a Trick-or-Treat poster in their window will be waiting to hand out treats.

Summit Downtown, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the on-going development and promotion of the business community in downtown Summit, NJ.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY RUMMAGE SALE

The Christ Child Society of Summit is holding its Ninth Annual Collectables and Delectables Rummage Sale on Saturday, November 4th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in St. Teresa of Avila Memorial Hall located at 306 Morris Avenue in Summit. Treasures big and small. Delectable treats provided so you can snack while you shop. It doesn't get any better than this! And the best part of all is that funds raised from the sale will continue to assist and support at risk children in our community throughout the year.

Trying to purge instead of shop? No problem. Donations of small furniture, artwork, household items, toys (in usable condition), jewelry, sporting equipment, and any other household items appropriate for sale may be dropped off on Thursday, November 2nd between 12:30 pm and 7:30 pm and Friday, November 3rd between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. We cannot accept adult books, baby items (cribs, playpens, etc.), clothing, stuffed animals, televisions or computer equipment.

The Summit Chapter of the Christ Child Society is a nondenominational not for profit organization dedicated to serving at risk children in our community. The Christ Child Society of Summit is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. For more information or to become a member, please visit www.christchildsummit.org.



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With its mission to promote informed voting, the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit will again host a Candidates' Forum on Thursday, October 12, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Summit High School, located at 125 Kent Place Boulevard in Summit. The event will feature candidates who seek to represent their local voters as follows:

Beth Little, Councilman-at-Large (2 Years); David G. Dietze, Councilman-at-Large (2 Years); Matthew Gould, 1st Ward Councilman (3 Years); John Dougherty, 1st Ward Councilman (3 Years); Marjorie Fox, 2nd Ward Councilman (3 Years) and Mike Wattick, 2nd Ward Councilman (3 years).

Candidates will make presentations and answer questions from the League of Women

Voters and the audience. Co-President and New Providence resident Susan Ferris Rights will moderate this event.

With the support of the community, the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit encourages informed and active participation in government. Unaffiliated with any political party, the league hosts Candidates' Nights, encourages voter registration and studies public policy issues. The League welcomes new members. Men and women of all political parties or who are unaffiliated are invited.

Information is available at <http://www.lwv-bhnp.org> regarding membership and future activities for the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit.



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CITY OF SUMMIT ANNOUNCES 2017 HALLOWEEN EVENTS

The City of Summit is announcing a number of Halloween events will be held throughout the month of October, including Scream on the Green movie night, the annual Halloween parade, pumpkin painting, and trick-or-treating in downtown Summit. Members of the public are invited to attend.

The Summit Department of Community Programs is hosting a Scream on the Green movie night on Friday, October 27 at the Village Green, featuring the movie Beauty and the Beast. The family dance party begins at 6PM and the movie starts at dusk. Food vendors, bonfires, and

free s'mores will be available for attendees on the Village Green. Movie goers are encouraged to bring a blanket or chairs as no seating will be provided for the movie.

The Summit Police Athletic League and Department of Community Programs are hosting the annual Halloween parade through downtown Summit on Saturday, October 28 at 3PM. The parade will begin at 25 Deforest Avenue and continue to the Village Green; it will feature a costume contest and live entertainment. The parade will take place rain or shine.

The Summit Area YMCA and Summit Free Public Library are hosting Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28 in the library parking lot from 7 to 9PM. Children of all ages are invited to attend dressed in costume and go trick-or-treating among parked cars. The event will

feature crafts, games, Halloween stories, and more. Community members that are interested in participating with a car for the event should register in advance on the library website.

Children are invited to paint pumpkins on Sunday, October 29 from 10AM to 12PM at the Summit Farmers Market, located in the Park and Shop Lot #2 on the corner of Deforest Avenue and Maple Street. Small pumpkins will be sold for \$3 at the painting booth; participants can purchase squash from available vendors to paint as well. Painting supplies will be provided for free.

Trick-or-treating in downtown Summit will be held on Tuesday, October 31 from 2:30 to 4PM. Children are invited to trick-or-treat at businesses with a Halloween sign displayed in the window.

For more information on these events, please visit www.cityofsummit.org.

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