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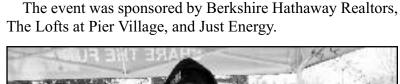
The City of Summit Community Programs presented Miracle on Elm Street. Families embraced the winter spirit on Sunday, December 10, 2017, with an afternoon of ice skating. Children and their parents were able to skate on synthetic ice on the Elm Street parking lot.

Afterwards participants warmed up by the bonfire and toasted marshmallows. There were also food trucks serving hot cups of soup and chili.

Santa was available for photographs and played with children inside a giant snow globe. There was also cookie decorating and a DJ.



(above) Toasting marshmallows at the bonfire.





(above l-r) Sam Gouveia, Joann McGhee of the Recreation Department, Skylar Hatcm, and Isabella Patyk enjoying treats and hot chocolate.



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(above, l-r) Jennifer Sarkissian, Sales Associate of Berkshire Hathaway Realtors; Summit Mayor Nora Radest; and Paula Swain, Associate of Berkshire Realtors.



(left, l-r) Isabella Patyk and Skylar Hatcm enjoy toasted marshmallow s by the bonfire.

(right) Santa inside giant snow globe.













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Hello Readers!

I'm ecstatic to

introduce myself

as the new editor

for Renna Media.

It's such an honor

working with Joe

and Tina Renna;

they are awesome!

me to write a little

bit about myself

for our readership,

which is probably

a great idea since

I'll often be out

Joe has asked



Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta

and about in the community.

Residing in Union County with my husband, Dennis, and our beloved cat Nicholas, my interests, besides writing and editing, include animals, music, and living a healthy lifestyle.

Writing professionally since 1995, I'm an award-winning journalist. I received my award from The NJ Society of Professional Journalists for investigative journalism. I'm also an author, public speaker, and poet (recently selected to read at the All About Eve Arts Festival at the West End Theatre in Long Branch, New Jersey).

Having a great passion for music, I've developed a unique library program called "The Learn & Listen Series" which pays homage to legendary musicians.

The two-fold presentation begins as I host, sharing a musician's biography – which I wrote – followed by actual live music from local New Jersey and New York talent. Librarians can choose from a variety of singers such as Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, Sammy Davis Jr., John Lennon, Freddie Mercury, Johnny Cash, Janis Joplin, and David Bowie.

I'm blessed to be able to work with performers like indie recording artist Keith Beck; jazz sensation Stephen Fuller (front man for Amani); singer/performance artist, Anna Oh; and threetime Grammy winning producer, Rob Fusari.

"Learn & Listen" also includes Jayne DiGregorio and Rich Timberlake, who work behind-the-scenes filming for an upcoming documentary.

In addition to the "Learn & Listen" series, I also lecture on "History of the Newspaper Industry," "Going, Going, Gone: What the Next Generation Won't Remember" (seniors love that one!), and there's also a healthy foodies series, which includes sampling.

Now, if you've read this far, you may be asking yourself – how can this woman work so much and still have time to edit 21 newspapers? As Joe Renna himself says – "It's not work, it's a lifestyle." I somehow get everything done ... and with a big smile on my face.

When you have a grand passion for what you do, it doesn't matter what day it is. It could be a Monday, or a Friday, and you're equally as happy. Sometimes I'm home all day working in my pajamas; other times I'm having a blast taking photos at a Winter Walk. Whether I sleep in or get up super early to attend a town meeting, it's all good. In this line of work, every day is different, and every day is exciting.

In just one month of working for Renna Media, I've attended many fun affairs and met incredible people. It brings a tear to my eye when a child cheers, "I'm gonna be in the newspaper!" after I take his or her photograph. That's what it's all about – the essence of presenting a good story to the community.

So, don't hesitate to send me your community news. We call on the arts, fundraisers, nonprofits, new businesses – anything positive that should be in your local newspaper.

Reach me at 908-858-4012, or email me at: Editor@RennaMedia.com

I look forward to hearing from you!

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SUMMIT CONSOLIDATES COURT SERVICES

The City of Summit announced, at its December 5, 2017 Common Council meeting, the consolidation of its municipal court as part of a shared services agreement with New Providence and Berkeley Heights. The shared municipal court will be housed at 360 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence.

"Reductions in state aid, a broken school funding formula and waste at the county level means it is imperative that local municipalities think creatively about shared services to help keep our communities affordable," stated Summit Common Council President Michael McTernan. "The consolidation of Summit's municipal court with New Providence and Berkeley Heights will save money and directly benefit taxpayers by reducing the number of court facilities and staff size, as well as required court security measures and administrative oversight. This is the latest in a series of shared services implemented by the Common Council over the last several years."

The transition took effect immediately in December 2017 and involved the temporary housing of shared court services in Summit during three to four months of renovation work at the New Providence court facility to accommodate increased capacity. The city estimates that the consolidation of its municipal court through the shared services agreement will save the municipality more than \$100,000 annually once renovation costs of the New Providence court facility are repaid within three years.

McTernan stated, "Although the participating municipalities will share resources and a physical location, Summit residents will still be served by their own court with its own jurisdiction. While we recognize that residents using the court will need to drive a few minutes farther, the cost savings for all our taxpayers should compensate for any inconvenience."

The New Jersey Judiciary estimates that "about one in five New Jersey municipal courts is currently part of a joint or shared services arrangement" with 18 of the state's 21 counties having "at least one merged municipal court."

For more information on the City of Summit consolidation of its municipal courts and shared services agreement, please go to: cityofsummit.org.



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SUMMIT PLANNING BOARD RECOGNIZES JEFFREY WAGENBACH

At its December 18, 2017 meeting, the Summit Planning Board recognized Jeffrey Wagenbach for 14 years of dedicated service. Current Chairman, William Anderson, presented Wagenbach with an honorary gavel and block. During his 14 years of service, Wagenbach spent approximately 10 years as Planning Board Chairman, navigating the board and the city through countless applications and public hearings, ordinances, reviews and most recently the city's re-examination process of the Master Plan.

"The City of Summit is indebted to Jeffrey Wagenbach for his years of extraordinary service to our Summit community in his work on the Planning Board," stated Mayor Nora Radest. "The future of our city depends on people like Jeffrey who get involved and work to further the interests of the community as a whole."



(above, l-r) Current Chairman William Anderson and retiring Planning Board Member, Jeffrey Wagenbach. Photo by City of Summit

School Student Council organization collected funds for their annual Spirit of Giving charity drive, and this year the three grades combined

The Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle raised over \$1,600. The collected funds go toward purchasing ShopRite gift cards which are distributed to Summit's needy during the holiday season when want is most keenly felt.



SPIRIT OF GIVING

(above, 1-r) Gary Burns, Student Council Co-Advisor; Alicia Gorman, ShopRite community liaison; Council officers Natasha Kim, Hope Basaman, Summer Cullen Nikki Passick; Student Council Co-Advisor, Maria Wager; and Principal Damen Cooper. Photo by City of Summit Public Schools.







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The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Summit is sponsoring the Great Decisions Program for 2018. Great Decisions, produced by the Foreign Policy Institute, is America's largest discussion program on world affairs.

The program runs on Wednesdays from January 31, 2018 to March 28, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. There is no session on February 28, 2018.

Meetings are held at The DeCorso Community Center, 15 East Fourth Street, New Providence (take Springfield Avenue to Livingston Avenue and Fourth Street is a short distance in).

The cost for the eight-week session is \$95. (\$85 for League and SCC/AAUW members). You may attend individual sessions and pay \$20 per session; and students \$10 per session.

Register online at www.lwv-bhnps.org or mail a check made payable to the League of Women Voters, Patricia Dixon Black, 45 Woodland Avenue, #28, Summit, NJ 07901.

The Foreign Policy Institute provides an excellent manual, which you receive upon

registration. A video clip is shown at the beginning of each session. The facilitator encourages a lively discussion. After each session, participants fill out an opinion ballot which are sent to members of Congress and appropriate government departments.

This year's topics are as follows: January 31: The waning of Pax Americana? February 7: Russia's foreign policy February 21: China and America: the new geopolitical equation February 28: Media and foreign policy March 7: Turkey: a partner in crisis March 15: U.S. global engagement and the military

March 21: South Africa's fragile democracy

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WINTER FARMERS MARKET SECOND SEASON WILL OPEN JANUARY 13

Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) announces the Avenue and Woodland Avenue. second season of the Summit Winter Farmers Market. Vendor applications are now being accepted.

The Summit Winter Farmers Market will be held every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. from January 13 through March 31, 2018. The market will again be held at the Calvary Episcopal Church, located at 31 Woodland Avenue on the corner of DeForest Avenue. All vendors will be located inside the building.

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A list of vendors will be available at summitdowntown.org closer to the start of the market.

Applications and guidelines can be found on summitdowntown.org. Completed applications are due no later than November 1, 2017.

Applications can be submitted via email to marin@summitdowntown.org, by fax at 908-273-9256, or by mail 18 Bank Street, Suite 108, Summit, NJ 07901.



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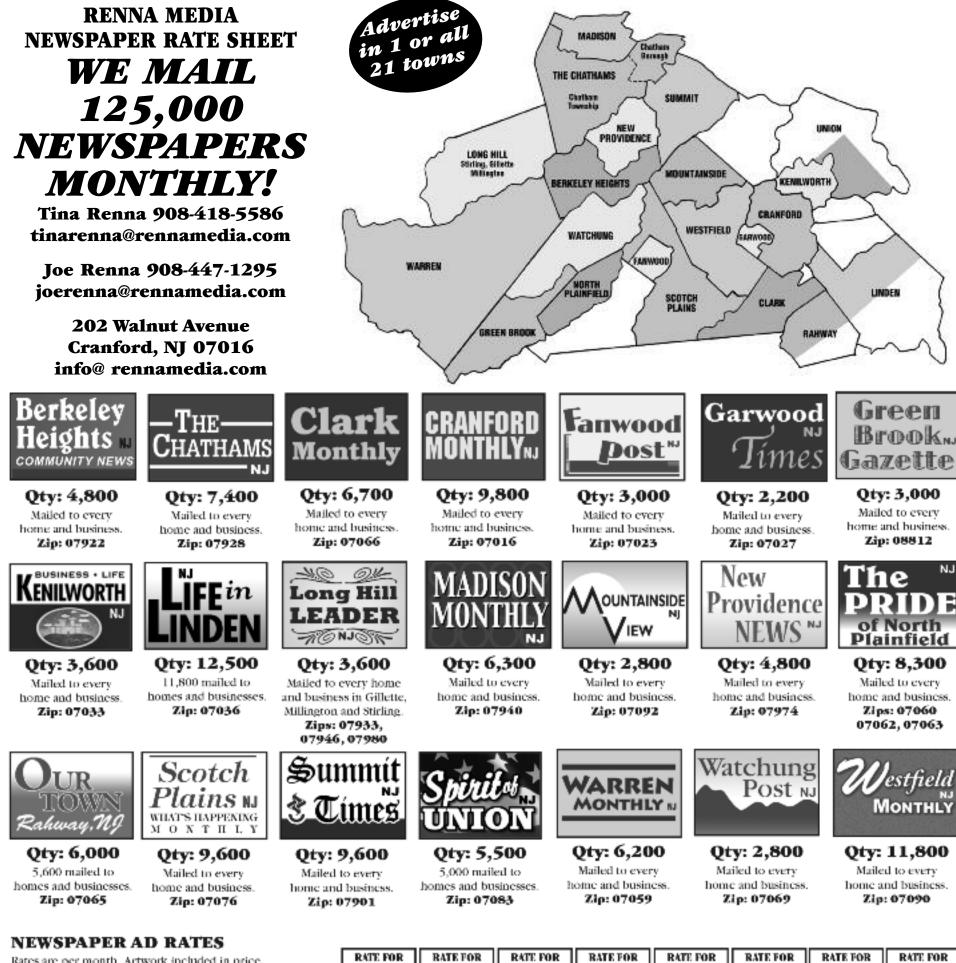
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THE LITTLEST MISSIONARIES: LESSONS IN GENEROSITY

A large group of preschoolers, together with their parents or caregivers, recently gathered at Central Church in Summit and wrapped gifts of lotion and socks to give to the residents at Runnells Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare in Berkeley Heights, to share the joy of Christmas.

As part of the 'Mission with Mommy' program, the children are learning about generosity and the importance of service to others. Each month, the group meets for a different, age-appropriate service project that children can complete with their adult. To date, projects have included assembling hygiene kits for the homeless, decorating bags used for meals given to the homeless, making greeting cards for shut-ins, and more.

"I try to teach my own children that giving is not only about making donations. More importantly, it is about giving of yourself. This program provides a wonderful opportunity to put these words in motion," stated Ariane Pfaff, a mom participating with her son.

The program was created by Central's Associate Pastor for Youth and Children, Rev. Deborah Huggins. Mission with Mommy, which is open to preschoolers of all faiths, has been meeting once a month at Central Church on Maple Street in Summit at 11:30 a.m. Currently

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> Blair Kimmel, the mother of two young children, and a deacon at Central, stated, "My four-year-old daughter and I love volunteering for Mission with Mommy. The fun and rewarding projects provide a wonderful way for us to give back to the community together. Whether we are making gifts for the elderly or packaging items for the homeless, Pastor Deborah always gathers the children together at the end of each session to say a prayer for the individuals who will receive the items. Participating in Mission with Mommy helps emphasize the importance of service and generosity to preschool aged children."

> Parents are invited to contact Pastor Huggins at 908-273-0441 or DHuggins@centralpres.org for more information about Mission with Mommy. The program is free to join, and open to all preschoolers.

> Pastor Huggins stated, "It's amazing what kids can do. They make cards and pack hygiene kits, they pack lunches and they share their generous hearts with us all."

> Central Presbyterian Church is located at 70 Maple Street in Summit, New Jersey. Learn more about the church and its missions at centralpres.org.



(above) Little Missionaries





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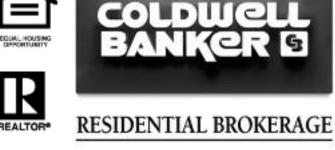
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