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'AN EVENING OF SHINING STARS' SPECIAL NEEDS TALENT SHOW

Submitted by Michael P. Curci

Shining Stars," featuring members of the special needs community from around Union County, will take place on Friday May 4, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Founded by Cranford resident Sally Curci, the 7th annual showcase will feature "Music from the Decades" with the cast set to sing and dance their way into your hearts as they show off their amazing talents.

And for the very first time, the "Shining Stars" cast will take the professional stage at the beautiful and historic Union County Performing Arts Center, where many of America's biggest names have performed.

"We are so excited to give our special cast the chance to perform at such a great venue," noted Sally Curci. "Our audience has grown each and every year, and our cast continues to grow as we spotlight talent from around Union County. It's going to be a night to remember."

When the lights will go up, the "stars" will shine, entertaining you with music from the '20s through today, with solo acts and full cast dance choreography, which is one of the highlights of the show.

Adam Fleissner, who has performed in every show, can't wait to take the stage again, as he prepares to sing "Help!" by the Beatles.

"We meet so many great people," said Fleissner. "We get One of the area's most anticipated events, "An Evening of new people in every year and everyone has a good time meeting each other and performing. All of it is just fantastic."

> Caitlin Madden is also excited to team with volunteer buddy Mark Lynch on the Elton John song, "Don't Go Breaking My Heart," with rehearsals in full swing.

> "I'm very excited for the show, I like my number," said Madden. "I like all the years I've been doing it. It's fun. Come see us!"

> Tickets are on sale now at UCPAC.org/events. Find the Shining Stars logo, select your seats and you'll be in for one of the best nights of the year!

> "An Evening of Shining Stars" is presented by Shining Stars Network, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization based in Union County that shines the light on the special needs community by creating inclusive events such as their annual talent show, dances at local high schools, and our Ambassadors basketball team, which travels to play local first responders to promote friendship and understanding.

> SSN will also host their 2nd annual two week performing arts camp, "Camp Shine," from August 20 through August 31 in Scotch Plains. To reserve your spot, or for more information on any of these programs or events, email shiningstarsnetwork@gmail.com,or check out their website at ShiningStarsNetwork.org



(above) Cast to appear at Union County Arts Center 2018 Shining Star Show May 4, 2018



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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.

Organizations who are interested in submitting content, please email Editor@rennamedia.com

SQUAD VOLUNTEERS TACKLE WINTER STORM

Submitted by John Staunton

"Be Prepared" may be the motto of the Boy Scouts, but it's also everyday practice at the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, Summit, New Jersey. So, it should come as no surprise that an Eagle Scout was among the 22 volunteers to staff the Squad's headquarters during last month's winter storm "Quinn." Preparations for Quinn began after reviewing weather forecasts prior to the storm and calling for extra volunteers to staff the building. Members who were not scheduled for duty stepped up and helped the Squad keep three ambulances fully staffed. Meanwhile Squad officers had all vehicles checked and fueled, made arrangements for needed supplies as well as food in the building since shifts might be extended, and reminded all members of steps to take for themselves as well as their families.

During the storm, the Squad answered 26 EMS calls, including two requests for mutual aid from Springfield and one from Millburn. Another request from New Providence was cancelled before the Summit crew arrived. There were six times when the Squad had two ambulance crews responding to simultaneous calls and three

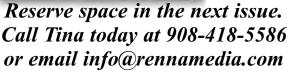
occasions where all three ambulances were on simultaneous calls.

Roads became treacherous with some impassable as downed power lines prevented proper plowing of a number of roads. On the night of the storm, a Summit ambulance crew responded, along with a rescue truck from the Summit Fire Department, to an accident on Route 78 became stuck in traffic. It would be four hours before that crew made it back to headquarters. Another ambulance became briefly stuck in the snow on Division Avenue. A nearby resident pitched in to help that crew free their rig.

Between calls, members cleaned and restocked ambulances, cleared snow from around the building, repaired a set of broken snow chains, and monitored the many road closures to plan alternate response routes.

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







(above) Ten volunteers on duty during the storm.

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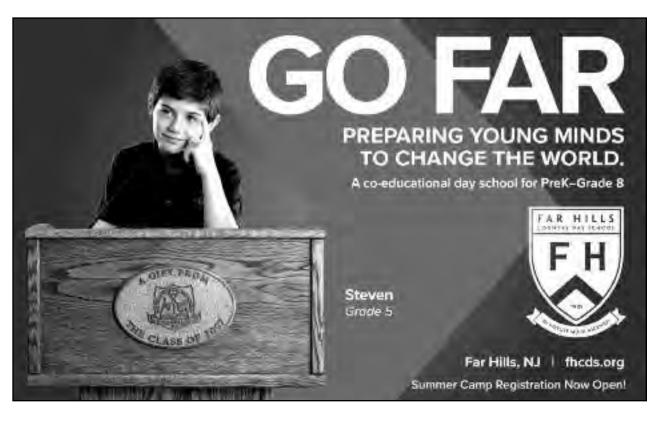
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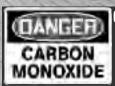
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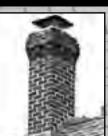
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SCAMS TARGETING TAXPAYERS

suspicious individuals claiming to be from the

Thousands of people have lost millions of dollars and their personal information to tax scams. Scammers use the regular mail, telephone, or email to set up individuals, businesses, payroll, and tax professionals.

The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages, or social media channels to request personal or financial information. Recognize the telltale signs of a scam.

SCAMS TARGETING TAXPAYERS IRS-IMPERSONATION TELEPHONE SCAMS

A sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, has been making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be IRS employees, using fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a gift card or wire transfer. Victims may be threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. Victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information. If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an "urgent" callback request.

Some thieves have used video relay services (VRS) to try to scam deaf and hard of hearing

The IRS is urging the public to be aware of individuals. Taxpayers are urged not trust calls just because they are made through VRS, as interpreters don't screen calls for validity.

> Limited English Proficiency victims are often approached in their native language, threatened with deportation, police arrest and license revocation, among other things. IRS urges all taxpayers caution before paying unexpected tax bills. Note that the IRS doesn't:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- · Demand payment without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

SCAMS TARGETING TAX PROFESSIONALS

Increasingly, tax professionals are being targeted by identity thieves. These criminals – many of them sophisticated, organized syndicates - are redoubling their efforts to gather personal data to file fraudulent federal and state income tax returns.

SURGE IN EMAIL. PHISHING AND MALWARE SCHEMES

Phishing (as in "fishing for information") is a scam where fraudsters send e-mail messages to trick unsuspecting victims into revealing personal and financial information that can be used to steal the victims' identity.

The IRS has issued several alerts about the fraudulent use of the IRS name or logo by scammers trying to gain access to consumers' financial information to steal their identity and assets.

Scam emails are designed to trick taxpayers into thinking these are official communications from the IRS or others in the tax industry, including tax software companies. These phishing schemes may seek information related to refunds, filing status, confirming personal information, ordering transcripts, and verifying PIN information.

Be alert to bogus emails that appear to come from your tax professional, requesting information for an IRS form. IRS doesn't require Life Insurance and Annuity updates from taxpayers or a tax professional.

Variations can be seen via text messages. The IRS is aware of email phishing scams that include links to bogus web sites intended to mirror the official IRS web site. These emails contain the direction "you are to update your IRS e-file immediately." These emails are not from the IRS.

The sites may ask for information used to file false tax returns or they may carry malware, which can infect computers and allow criminals to access your files or track your keystrokes to gain information.

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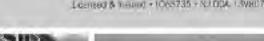








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Clean-Up is on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 9 a.m. to noon.

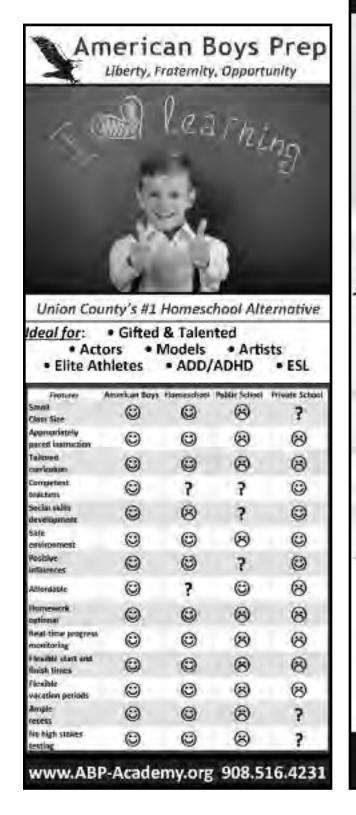
Members of the community, individuals, and groups, are encouraged to participate and help beautify Summit's parks and open spaces. The Clean-Up is sponsored by the City of Summit Environmental Commission and is conducted in partnership with the Washington Area Association.

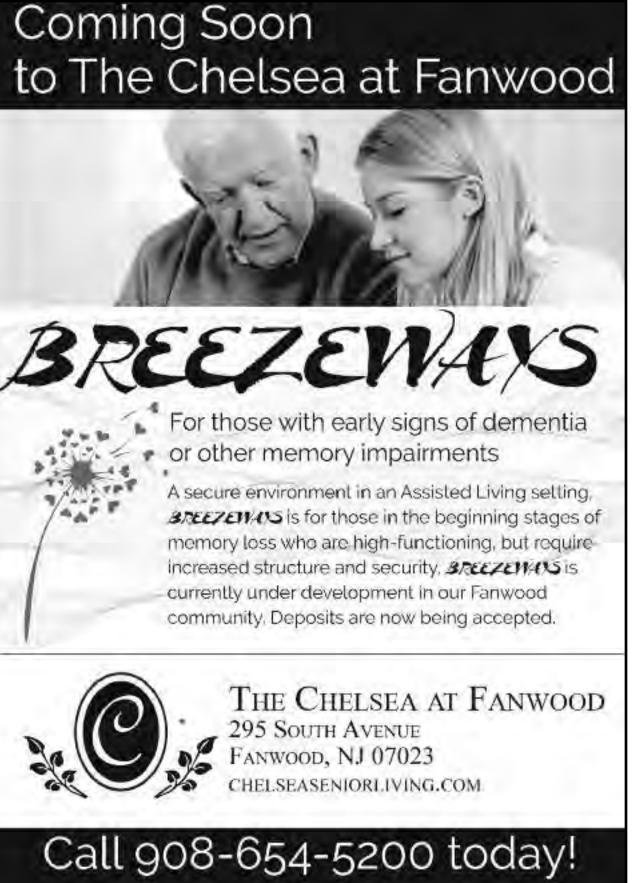
Last year, more than 200 volunteers of all ages collected an estimated 1500 pounds of trash and debris from city parks and open spaces and spread 16 cubic yards of wood chips on trails. City sites that will be part of the Clean-Up this year include Briant Park, portions of Wilson Park, Martin's Brook Park, and the open spaces

The City of Summit's 12th annual Earth Day surrounding the Transfer Station near New Providence Avenue, Constantine Place and Risk Avenue.

> To register a group for participation, please Commission Environmental email chairperson Beth Lovejoy beth.t.lovejoy@gmail.com. Individuals and walk-ins are welcome at Briant Park and Martin's Brook Park. Participants are asked to bring work gloves and a beverage in a reusable container. Bags for collecting trash and recycling will be provided. Community service hours are available.

> In the event of heavy rain on Saturday, April 21, the Clean-Up will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018, from 1 to 4 p.m. Weather updates will be posted on cityofsummit.org if necessary.



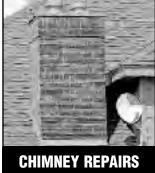


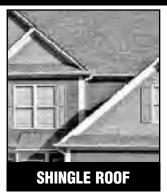




















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STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: EMILY KOSTOLANSKY, SHS SENIOR

Submitted by Mia Bivaletz

Emily Kostolansky is a senior at Summit High School (SHS), Summit, New Jersey. For the second year, she is part of Peer Leadership, a group where SHS students are leaders and role models for other students in elementary, middle, and high school. Emily participates in training sessions to hone her leadership skills, meets with her advisors and peers twice a month, and participates in activities throughout the district as well. For example, Peer Leaders give tours of the high school and help freshman acclimate to their first year of high school. Peer Leaders also visit schools and work with younger students on how to make healthy decisions, deal with stress, and navigate peer pressure.

In line with these important topics, Emily started a mental health awareness club called Students Helping Students. The idea took shape in her Honors History US II class when Mr. O'Regan assigned a project; students were asked to create something that would evoke change in an area each felt strongly about. Feeling that mental illness is often overlooked or misunderstood, and that there are daily stressors that all students encounter, Emily decided that the club could have a positive impact. Students Helping Students focuses on raising awareness of mental health and strives to bring in programs to help as many students as possible gain an array of tools to help deal with stress. "I am really proud that we raised the funds, in addition to being awarded a PTO grant, to welcome the In Their Shoes program to SHS. It included a really powerful visual display, as well as therapy dogs and other resources," said Emily. The club also does yoga, meditation, rock painting, and hosts discussion groups.

Emily is outgoing, passionate, involved, and devoted to whatever she is doing! Outside of school, she volunteers to swim with special needs adults and children through a program at The Connection called Adapted Aquatics. She also works in the summer giving swim lessons through NJ Swim. Learning that, it should come as no surprise that Emily is part of the Summit

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High School Swim Team. Emily started swimming competitively at the age of 7 with the Summit Seals and swam for the SHS team all four years of high school. She is a long-distance swimmer in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle. C. Those two courses are the most challenging math and science classes that Summit High School offers. "I love learning math and science, particularly physics," said Emily. "Mr. Morman

During the 2017-2018 season, Emily took on a special role as captain of the team. "I was thrilled to be selected as captain because we are a community, like a family," said Emily. When explained that when she was a freshman, others included her, so she is glad to be in a position to give back to other girls with the same level of support and enthusiasm that she received. Emily also lives the "spirit of giving" by springboarding from Spanish Club to being part of the AP Spanish Help Desk where she makes herself available during lunch to tutor others.

Not only does Emily's character shine, but so does her drive in academics. With her plan of becoming an engineer, the math and sciences freshman year she took the path of Honors Geometry and Honors Physics so she could finish senior year with AP Calculus BC and AP Physics C. Those two courses are the most challenging math and science classes that Summit High School offers. "I love learning math and science, particularly physics," said Emily. "Mr. Morman and Mr. Baragona are two of the best teachers, both incredibly devoted to their students." Emily appreciates how they offer extra office hours and make her and her peers feel comfortable asking questions. When it comes to the highest Calc and Physics, there is only one class of each. So she spends the bulk of her afternoons with about 20 students, a group she knows quite well. "We work together and solve problems. I feel lucky to have this community of people who are set on success. I am grateful to be with supportive people who are like-minded, who study hard, and who are passionate about learning," said Emily. Another course Emily is excited about is Design (continued on page 9)



EMILY KOSTOLANSKY (continued)

Projects in Physics which she feels is the closest to giving students a real taste of engineering. She is currently working on an acoustic levitator which will emit sound waves to levitate objects.

While school, friends, and altruism are important to Emily, her family is her top priority. She shared that the best advice she has ever gotten, came from her mother, who taught her the following: you cannot control what others do, you can only control how you react to others' actions. When Emily deals with disappointment or frustration she uses it as a learning experience rather than getting down for too long. She also tries not to take things personally. "You can feel your feelings, but then you need to move on." The best advice Emily would offer others embarking on their high school journey is to make the most of their experience. "There are a lot of opportunities, so you need to seek them out and try new things," said Emily. This sage advice will also come in handy when she enters Tufts School of Engineering in Massachusetts, this fall.

Emily will have a great support network as well; her parents, older brother Tim, older sister Stephanie, and nanny Segunda will all be cheering her on! "My family is so encouraging, and I am grateful for that. My parents are a strong example of hard work and my siblings are kind, loving, and great role models," said Emily. We wish Emily much future success!



(above, l-r) Emily and Summit Girls Swim Team Coach, John Ross



above) Emily (left) and fellow Peer Leaders, Gwyn Tulsky and Emma Cohron.



(above, l-r) The Kostolansky Family: Stephanie, Emily, Elizabeth (mom), Timothy, and Michael (dad).



(above, l-r) Summit Girls Swim Team Captain Kaitlyn Hersch and Emily.



JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT AWARDS \$50K IN COMMUNITY GRANTS

Submitted by Carly Spary

The Junior League of Summit proudly announces that it has granted more than \$50,000 to local community partners and agencies. "Our goal is to affect positive change through voluntarism by providing financial and member support to non-profit organizations serving Summit and the surrounding communities," said Liz Dutkewych, JLS President."We are thrilled to be able to grant over fifty-thousand dollars this year to fifteen local organizations that align with our focus area and are making our community a happier, healthier, and overall better place."

THE 2018 GRANT RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

- Bridges (supplying up to 600 qualifying Summit students with backpacks and school supplies for the '18 to '19 school year);
- Chatham Emergency Squad (funding the purchase of two handheld two-way radios);
- CivicStory (funding a pilot program assessing videos for classroom use to incorporate civics education through environmental science, creative arts, and humanities);

- · Community Service Association of New Providence (funding grocery store gift cards for families in need):
- The Connection (supporting the Pathways Financial Assistance Fund for uninsured women with cancer);
- Family Promise (providing JLS Better Food Bags distributed at 2 Community Health Fairs);
- Good Grief (supporting 222 families with food and supplies through 5 Nights of Support for an entire year at Morristown-based center);
- Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss (funding one family for a year of Night of Support and training for 20 adult volunteers);
- MUJC (funding for food, cooking utensils, and supplies to support "Building Community through Caring" program);
- Our House, Inc. (funding autistic volunteers to make baked ziti platters and deliver to GRACE's refrigerator);
- Overlook Foundation (funding insulin and other medications for HealthStart Clinic patients);
- Reeves-Reed Arboretum (funding hands on

- Square Foot Gardening Workshops for children and adults for a year);
- SAGE Eldercare (funding for Meals on Wheels program);
- Summit Area YMCA (funding 125 backpacks over a 32-week period to children in need through the Family Backpack Pilot Program);
- Summit Community Programs (funding one year of healthy snacks and education for Share the Fun Club after-school program.

The Junior League of Summit is a nonprofit, charitable and educational organization of women who are committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

For more information about the Junior League of Summit, please visit the website at ilsummit.org or contact the office at 908-273-7349.







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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS SPONSOR PROGRAM ADDRESSING CLEAN WATER ISSUES

Submitted by Marlene Sincaglia

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Summit will be sponsoring a program entitled "All Life Depends of Clean Water: How Baykeeper Programs are Addressing Clean Water Issues in the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary."

The program will be held on Monday, April 23, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the DeCorso Center, 15 E. 4th Street, New Providence, New Jersey. The program is free and opened to the public. There will be light refreshments beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Our speaker is Sandra Meola, NY/NJ Baykeeper's Communications and Outreach Director. She will give an overview of NY/NJ Baykeeper's programs addressing water quality including oyster restoration and reducing plastic pollution advocacy and policy.

Meola manages NY/NJ Baykeeper's legislative strategy, multimedia messaging, and press relations.

The NY/NJ Baykeeper is the citizen advocate

of the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary. Since 1989, we've worked to protect, preserve, and restore the environment of the most urban estuary on Earth, benefiting its natural and human communities. Through our Estuary-wide programs they seek to end pollution, improve public access, conserve and restore public lands, restore aquatic habitats, appropriate encourage and discourage inappropriate development, carry out public education, and work with federal and NY/NJ state regulators and citizen groups as partners in planning for a sustainable future for the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary watershed.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government and works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

For more information on the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence, and Summit, visit: lwv-bhnps.org





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SUMMIT TEACHER RECOGNIZED FOR SAVING NEARLY 200 RESCUE DOGS

Submitted by Matthew Holowienka

When Summit resident Kristine Duetsch first began researching Home for Good Dog Rescue at the end of 2016, she had done so for one reason; to potentially adopt a rescue animal into her home.

However, after rearranging her dining room table, designating the room a "puppy area" and deciding to take a chance on touching even more lives, she and her family have personally housed nearly 200 deserving dogs over the last 14 months as part of the Berkeley Heights-based non-profit's unprecedented foster program.

"I wanted to adopt, and my husband said: 'No, we are not adopting,'" Duetsch explained. "And I said, 'Well, can we foster then?"

And while the Duetsches have opened their home to animals of all ages since joining Home for Good Dog Rescue over one year ago, they have since specialized in providing foster care to pregnant and nursing mother dogs and their young puppies.

"My husband came home that first day, and I said, 'Yep, there are a quite a few puppies in there," Duetsch said, recalling the first litter she ever brought home. "He opened up the door and got tackled on the 40-yard line."

As Duetsch described, Home for Good Dog Rescue is a 100-percent foster-based organization dedicated to rescuing animals from high-kill shelters throughout South Carolina and Georgia, nurturing them at their rescue property in Aiken, South Carolina, and finally transporting them northward for adoption.

None of its dogs spend time in a shelter or kennel environment in New Jersey. Rather, they live with volunteer families like the Duetsches, with whom they enjoy all the benefits of domestic life prior to placement in a permanent home.

"Fostering litters is so fulfilling because you get to see these little munchkins grow from itty bitty helpless creatures that rely solely on mom for their every need to these happy rambunctious, chubby little angels," Duetsch said.

"When Home for Good Dog Rescue commits to an animal, we commit to the entire family," Richard Errico, Home for Good Dog Rescue's Co-Founder and Treasurer, explained. "When we pull a puppy from a shelter, we pull all of its siblings and its parents, whenever they are available. For that reason, Kristine and her family have been invaluable to our mission."

"We realize that we can save more lives fostering than we can by adopting a dog, and it's a great teaching moment for my children," Duetsch continued. "They went into their classrooms with pamphlets, and they talked about what we do and what we need."

She recalled how one of her family's younger members, Ava, 8, even sought donations for Home for Good Dog Rescue in lieu of gifts for her birthday in 2017.

"She realized the opportunity that we have to help these dogs," Duetsch said. "She accepted toys, food, and cleaning products, and she felt very special."

And as Duetsch described, her work as a foster parent for Home for Good has truly allowed her and her family to connect with their neighbors as ambassadors for animal rescue.

"Every day, when I pick up my kids from school, I bring a puppy," she said. "And that's how we have gotten a lot of our dogs adopted. Everywhere we go, we wear our Home for Good shirts. The day these pups get adopted, we feel such a huge sense of accomplishment and are so proud that we are making a difference."

Since its inception in 2010, Home for Good Dog Rescue has adopted nearly 300 dogs into homes throughout Summit, NJ. About a quarter of the nearly 6000 animals it has saved in the last 7 years have found permanent families in a Union County town.

However, the Duetsch family's connection to Summit goes back much longer.

"My husband, Thomas Duetsch's, family goes back about a hundred years living in Summit," Kristine, a Philadelphia native, said. "His mother taught in Summit for twenty-five years, and his brother, Tim Duetsch, is a Summit firefighter."

As she recalled, Kristine herself initially came to the area by accident, having stopped into the Summit Fire Department to ask directions in the middle of a blood drive.

There, she met one of the event's organizers, Sheila Duetsch, her future mother-in-law, who is known locally for her work as a teacher and for her ongoing involvement with the Summit Historical Society.

"We got to talking, and we had so much in common. Her father was a cop. My father was a cop. She's a teacher. I'm a teacher. She took my number," Duetsch explained. "And, yes, I donated blood."

And for the past 15 years, Kristine Duetsch herself, a science specialist, has remained driven not only to impacting her community through her rescue work, but also as an educator.

"I taught in Summit at the middle school and also at Jefferson School," she said. "Now, my baby's in kindergarten, so it's going to soon be time for me to go back to the classroom."

On March 3 of this year, Home for Good Dog Rescue recognized Duetsch and her family at its annual "Taste of Italy" Spaghetti & Meatballs Dinner and Tricky Tray by presenting them with the Choudhuri Award, which emphasizes a New Jersey family's contributions to the organization's foster program.

The award is named for the Choudhuri family of Berkeley Heights, NJ, who have worked with Home for Good's foster program since 2012 to save the lives of hundreds of dogs and puppies.

"One by one, we are responsible for saving the lives of those that do not have a voice or a choice," Duetsch said. "I now have a sense of purpose and passion that I have been searching for."

For more information on Home for Good Dog Rescue, to inquire about adoption, or to become a supporter, volunteer, or foster family, visit HomeforGoodDogs.org.



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(above, l-r) Emma Duetsch, 5, and sister Ava Duetsch, 8, collected donations in lieu of gifts for Ava's birthday and presented them to Home for Good Dog Rescue.



(above, l-r) Ava Duestch, 8; Kristine Duetsch; Emma Duetsch, 5; and Thomas Duetsch recieved the Choudhuri Award in recognition for their contributions to Home for Good Dog Rescue's foster program in March 2018.



(above) Kristine Duetsch welcomed this foster puppy as it was flown to New Jersey on a volunteer rescue flight in 2017.





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College students majoring in political science, public administration, human resources management, finance, or marketing are encouraged to apply for the program. Participants will be able to add significant project management experience to their resumes. Interns are required to work a minimum of 20 hours per week for four weeks during the month of June.

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The City of Summit is continuing its secured positions in the White House internship program and with the U.S. State Department, as well as paid positions at Google, Tesla Motors, and Goldman Sachs.

> "We offer several interesting opportunities for students to pursue and get directly involved in municipal projects," explains Summit Mayor Nora Radest. "The City of Summit internship program is an excellent way for young residents to gain important work experience."

> There are a limited number of positions available in the summer internship program. If interested, please send a resume to pressoffice@cityofsummit.org. The deadline to apply is April 13, 2018.

SUMMIT COLLEGE CLUB 'BIG' BOOK SALE 2018

Submitted by Marylou Motto

The Summit College Club (SCC) Book Sale is a BIG event. Every year, SCC collects tens of thousands of books, sorts them into useful categories on tables, and then sells nearly all of them for 50 cents, one or two dollars. For readers, for cooks, for children, for teachers, for hobbyists, for all sorts of people, the SCC Book Sale is an annual bonanza.

BOOK DONATIONS

If you have books or media to donate, they may be brought directly to the American Legion Post 433 at 357 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence, New Jersey. It's the building next to the New Providence Library. Books will be collected for one week only: April 13 through 18 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and April 19 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Lynne Rogerson, who heads up this year's Book Sale Committee, asks that all books and media be in small boxes or bags. They do not want magazines, encyclopedias, manuals, or textbooks, but all other books and media are welcome.

BOOK SALE

The sale itself runs for nearly a week in the same location. Only the first sale day, April 24, has an entrance fee, \$25. That's when book dealers from three or four states gather to buy books from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Wednesday through Sunday, admission is free, the hours are long, and the public pours in:

April 25, 26: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

April 27, 28: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

April 29: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday is Bag Day! Customers may fill a whole bag with books for \$5. Some customers visit the sale four or five times during the week. Many leave with boxes of books.

QUESTIONS?

Write summitcollegeclub@yahoo.com.

The Book Sale is staffed entirely by volunteers, and all the proceeds go toward funding college scholarships for local women. The Summit College Club is a branch of the American Association of University Women, which advances equity for women and girls.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO **HOST CAMP TRAINING**

The City of Summit Fire Department is partnering with Comfort Zone Camp (CZC) and the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to provide training on Saturday, April 21, 2018, for a three-day, summer weekend camp program for youth ages seven to 17 who are grieving the loss of a parent who has died in the line of duty as a firefighter.

Volunteer training will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Grand Summit Hotel located at 570 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey. All volunteers must complete the six-hour training and pass a background check to participate in the summer camp, which runs from Friday, June 29 to Sunday, July 1 in Johnsonburg, New Jersey. Volunteer roles include general camp volunteer, logistics support, and more

For more information on how to volunteer or training register for go comfortzonecamp.org/calendar/volunteertraining or contact CZC Program Coordinator Janelle Facilitator Tensley jtnesley@comfortzonecamp.org.



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FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER AND MUNICIPAL GOLF **COURSE SEASON REGISTRATION**

The Summit Department of Community The season begins on April 2, 2018. Programs is announcing that registration for the 2018 season at the Summit Family Aquatic Center is currently open. The season begins on Saturday May 26, 2018 at 11 a.m. The Summit Municipal Golf Course registration is also open.

Membership and guest rates can be viewed on the Department of Community Programs website. For more information and hours of operation, visit summitcommunityprograms.com or contact the department at (908) 277-2932.

SDI GIFT PROGRAM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS **FOR FARMERS MARKET**

Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) is announcing the start of the Summit Summer Farmers Market and the GIFT (Give It Fresh Today) program on April 22, 2018. The market will be open every Sunday until November 18 and the selling hours are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The GIFT program will start its seventh season. This contribution initiative brings in hundreds of pounds of fresh produce through the generosity of the community, Summit Downtown, Inc., and the many Farmers Market vendors. Our partner organizations, all based in Summit, are GRACE, SHIP, and St. Teresa's Loaves and Fishes, and they are able to distribute healthy, locally grown food to people who may not have access to it.

We are now looking for volunteers to assist at the Farmers Market on Sundays from April 22 to November 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering for any Sunday, please contact

Amanda Block, GRACE apb nyc@hotmail.com;

Gery McKenna, Loaves and Fishes gsmrun86@aol.om;

or Marin Mixon, Summit Farmers Market marin@summitdowntown.org.

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

DCP ANNOUNCES NEW ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

The Summit Department of Community Programs (DCP) is announcing two new programs, Mission Code and NASA Space Academy, beginning Monday April 16 and running until May 21, 2018. Both programs will be held at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 77 Morris Ave, Summit, New Jersey.

Mission Code will teach programming in a fun and easy way, using a combination of unplugged activities and a webbased game, children will practice programming concepts and receive immediate feedback on the quality of their solutions. Each child will receive 12 months of online access to classes, videos, and games. No prior knowledge of programming is required. This program is open

to children in grades two to six and will be held on Mondays April 16 until May 21 from 4:40 to 5:40 p.m.

NASA Space Academy is a hands-on program that sends children on a quest for exploration. Comets, planets, stars, and more are all waiting to be discovered. Children will learn about the four forces of flight, the challenges of space travel, and participate in a rocket launch.

This program is open to children in grades kindergarten to eighth grade and will be held on Mondays, April 16 until May 21 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

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VOLUNTEER FAIR AT SUMMIT LIBRARY

By Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta

The Summit Summit Free Public Library, 75 Maple Street, Summit, New Jersey, hosted its first Volunteer Fair on Saturday, March 10, 2018. A variety of Summit-based organizations

were available to provide information on the good works each of their organizations performs on a daily basis. Attendees had the opportunity to "shop" the organizations to find

the right fit for their interest and skills. Organization representatives were available to answer questions and sign up potential volunteers.

Photo 1

Jen Popescu and Toni Kaferstein, Volunteers for Home for Good Dog Rescue.

Home for Good Dog Rescue is a non-profit organization headquartered in Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. They rescue dogs from high-kill shelters in the South, transport them to their rescue shelter, and give them a second chance at life.

Website: homeforgooddogs.org

Photo 2

Friends of Summit Library Volunteers:

Poornima Ravishankar, Sheila Bonnell, Linda Fitzpatrick, and John Kirby.

Friends of the Summit Free Public Library is a group of volunteers and donors dedicated to supporting and strengthening the Summit Library.

Website: sfplfriends.org

Photo 3

Lesley Calert, Marketing Associate for The Connection.

The Connection is a non-profit, human service organization providing a wide variety of programs and activities open to everyone in the community.

Website: theconnectiononline.org

Photo 4

Marian Glenn of Summit Area GreenFaith Circle.

Summit Area GreenFaith Circle is consortium of faith communities who have joined forces to educate and advocate for Environmental Stewardship.

Website: greenfaith.org.

For the Summit Circle, visit the Facebook group: Summit GreenFaith Circle.

Photo 5

Junior League of Summit Member Education Chair, Tara Charvat; and Founder, Amanda Block.

Junior League of Summit is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

Website: jlsummit.org

Photo 6

Clemi Strozek, Ambassador for Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum is a non-profit organization which engages, educates, and enriches its visitors so they become better stewards of nature and the environment.

Website: reeves-reedarboretum.org

Photo 7

Patrick Davis, Director of Operations Bridges Outreach.

Bridges Outreach connects the housed and homeless to establish relationships that lead to greater acceptance and understanding, social and economic growth, and wellbeing.

Website: bridgesoutreach.org

Photo 8

Summit Play House Vice President Pam Heller, and Ticket Manager Bob Velasquez.

Summit Play House is a non-profit community theatre founded in 1918 as a World War I relief organization. Volunteers are needed and welcome in all areas: set design, set decoration, set construction, costumes, lighting, props, ushering, and stage management.

Website: thesummitplayhouse.org

Photo 9

John Christmann, Personnel Lieutenant of Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad is a charitable organization serving the City of Summit and assisting other towns throughout New Jersey and New York.

Website: summitems.org

Photo 10

Amy Stuart, Volunteer Coordinator for Sage Eldercare.

Sage Eldercare is a nonprofit organization committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers.

Website: sageeldercare.org

Photo 11

Amy Jones, Family Promise-Union County Manager of Volunteer Engagement.

Family Promise-Union County is a program run by Family Promise, the leading nonprofit focused on helping families experiencing homelessness.

Website: familypromise.org/programs/unioncounty-program

Photo 12

Kathryn Colao, Board Member and Past President of Christ Child Society of Summit.

Christ Child Society of Summit is a non-denominational not-for-profit association dedicated to personal service to children in need in our community.

Website: christchildsummit.org

Photo 13

Margaret Strong, SHIP Board Member.

SHIP (Summit Helping Its People) was established in 1991 and serves the community of Summit providing meals to those in need.

Photo 14

Melanie Cohn represents two Summit organizations.

She is director of Visual Arts Center of New Jersey; and president of the Rotary Club of Summit-New Providence. Visual Arts Center of New Jersey's vision is to create an inclusive and welcoming community where lives are transformed and enriched through the shared experience of art.

Website: artcenternj.org

The Rotary Club of Summit-New Providence is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and try to build goodwill and peace in the world.

Website: snprotary.org

Photo 15

Jane Grenwald, Volunteer for St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center.

St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center is dedicated to the humane treatment of animals, saving animals' lives and giving them a second chance.

Website: sthuberts.org

Photo 16

Frank Hawrusik, Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre VP Board Trustees; and Jill Bernstein, Board Trustees.

Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre is a professional ensemble of actors building community with their audience by sharing contemporary, life-affirming stories that challenge, energize, and entertain.

Website: dreamcatcherrep.org

Photo 17

Anita Merritt, President of American Association of University Women Summit Branch; and Molly Ball, Vice President, Membership.

American Association of University Women is a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Website: summit-nj.aauw.net

Photo 18

Donna Patel, Volunteer Green Faith, Summit New Jersey, in front of recycled bags displayed at library.

Green Faith is an interfaith program that inspires, educates, and mobilizes people of diverse religious backgrounds for environmental leadership.

Website: summitjcc.org/greenfaith

Photo 19

Annette Dwyer, Board Chair of Shaping Summit Together.

Shaping Summit Together is a charitable organization with the mission of ensuring that Summit reaches its full potential as a mature, diverse suburban community and to facilitate efforts so that Summit works together to shape its future.

Website: mondosummit.com/shaping-summit-together

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VOLUNTEER FAIR PHOTO ALBUM

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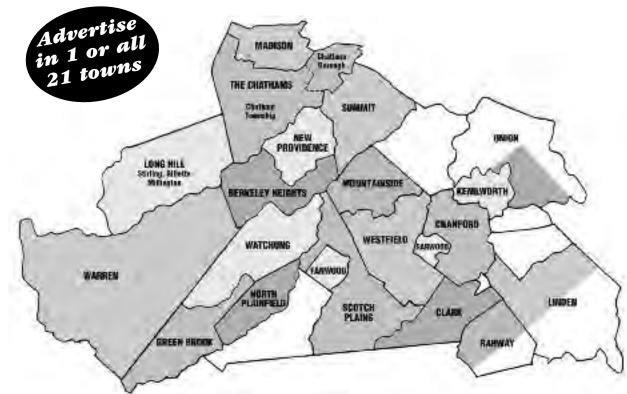


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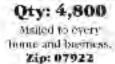
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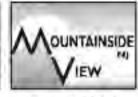
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Renna Media has launched a new YouTube channel called Joe Renna's Hyper Local Network! The channel will consist of a variety of shows, each with its own focus. The first episode of each show is up and ready to view.

Mind Your Own Local Business

Mind Your Local Business uses real life examples to illustrate successful techniques for managing and marketing your business. Local businesses will be featured. The first episode is about crafting a 30 second elevator speech. The February 2018 meeting of the Irish Business Association held at Molly Maguire's in Clark, NJ is featured in the first episode. Businesses that would like to be featured in an episode can email Joe at joerenna@rennamedia.com.

The Peterstown Show

The Peterstown show is a video continuation of the Peterstown Newspaper. The show focuses on the 100-year history of an Italian American Neighborhood in Elizabeth, NJ. Like the newspaper, it preserves the culture and traditions while recording the oral history that may be lost. The first episode is an interview with Carmela Lepore who turned 108-years-old on January 30, 2018.

Renna's Arena hosted by Nick Renna

Nick Renna has been the voice of high school sports as a public address announcer and brings that experience to a variety show; an eclectic mix of old and new video about general interests. His first episode is a video he shot of a 5th and 6th grade St. Anthony's Grammar School game from 1989.

The Video Shoebox

As a camera bug from a very young age Joe Renna amassed a collection of VHS tapes and 8 mm film. The first video is of the Linden Debutant Ball that he shot in 1992. There are hundreds of hours of videos to come.

Anyone with 8mm film or VHS tape to transfer should email joerenna@rennamedia.com.

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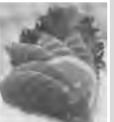
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