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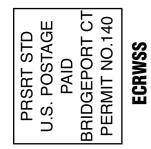
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407 PARTICIPANT IN RELAY FOR LIFE ON JUNE 2ND 2018

53 teams and 407 people participated in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Berkeley Heights event on Saturday, June 2nd, 2018 at Governor Livingston High School. The effort also included participation from the towns of Summit, Mountainside, and New Providence.

Over \$130,000 was raised to support the American Cancer Society's mission of saving lives from cancer. Funds raised help the American Cancer Society provide free information and support for people facing the disease today, and fund cancer research that will help protect future generations.

"It was inspirational to see people from all parts of our community come out to support us and help save lives from cancer," said Patti Broccoli. "Together, we celebrated those surviving cancer, remembered loved ones lost, and took tangible action to make a difference."

The following top 3 teams were recognized for their extraordinary efforts:

The Harwood Gang – raising \$15,390; The Pearly Girls -raising \$14,195; and NP (New Providence) Peer Leaders Green Team – raising \$8,165.

Founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Washington in 1985, the Relay For Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to save lives from cancer. Uniting communities across the globe, we celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for lifesaving change. During Relay For Life events, members of each team take turns walking or running around the track or path. Teams participate in fundraising in the months leading up to the event.

Donations can still be made by visiting:

RelayForLife.org/BerkeleyHeightsNJ

Photos from this and other events can be found online at rennamedia.com and on the Summit Times page on facebook.com Feel free to "Like," "Tag," and "Share."



(above) Team 'Where The Wild Things Run' from Summit



(above) Leonard Lance, U.S. Representative for New Jersey's 7th congressional district shared that he and his twin brother lost their mother at the age of 12 to cancer. Sitting behind Lance are (l-r) Summit Mayor Nora Radest, Berkeley Heights Mayor Robert Woodruff, New Providence Mayor Al Morgan, and Mountainside Mayor Paul N. Mirabelli.





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TWISTED CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING ALL SUMMER LONG!

Summit Mayor Nora Radest did the honors of celebration. cutting the ribbon to the newest eatery downtown. Twisted owners Bernadette and Mondo Zelaya held a grand opening event on Thursday June 14, 2018. Twisted, located at 83 Union Place, features organic and raw fare.

Bernadette and Mondo Zelaya would like to thank their Summit neighbors for helping in the

Twisted will continue celebrating throughout the summer offering specials to anyone who works for, or owns, a business in Summit with a discount of 15%. Twisted also offers a 20% discount to all Summit first responders and their families. Proof is required, but coupons are not.



(above) Bernadette and Mondo Zelaya, owners of Twisted, are front and center with Summit Mayor Nora Radest as she cuts the ribbon celebrating the Grand Opening of their new downtown eatery on Thursday, June 14, 2018. They are joined by family and staffers. Holding the ribbon on the left is Chamber of Commerce and SDI board member Beth Welsh, to her left are two shift managers, Angie Guzman and Angie Rojas, behind them are sous chef Artuo and server Miguel. Holdng the ribbon on the right are Bernadette and Mondo's daughter Emma and manager Ben. Standing behind his parents is Matthew, followed by R&D Specialist Irina Sopranzetti, son Jordan, friend Al Liguori, son Sebastian, shift manager Gabby, and friend Willy Hansen.



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SUMMIT'S 10TH ANNUAL RESTAURANT WEEK TO BE HELD JULY 19-29

10th Annual Restaurant Week from Thursday, July 19 through Sunday, July 29, 2018. Many restaurants and food shops will offer prix fixe menus and specials. A list of participating establishments and their menus/specials will be available on summitdowntown.org. Restaurant Week is the perfect time to visit a restaurant you've been wanting to try!

Summit Street Sounds will return on Thursday, July 19, to kick off Restaurant Week. Enjoy live music throughout the downtown while dining at one of Summit's many outdoor cafes! Select restaurants will also feature prize drawings on the evening of July 19.

Summit Downtown, Inc. will be sponsoring a Restaurant Week Photo Contest. Snap a picture

Summit Downtown, Inc. will host Summit's of your delicious food at a participating establishment during Restaurant Week and email it to sdiphotocontest@gmail.com by August 1 for a chance to win \$100. You must include your name, where the photo was taken, and a brief description. All photos will be posted on the Summit Downtown, Inc. Facebook Page and Instagram account. There will be two winners. Melanie Cohn, Executive Director of the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, will choose the Best in Show winner. The photo with the most combined likes on Facebook and Instagram will also win \$100. Limit of three entries per person.

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

THE SANTIAGO ABUT FOUNDATION AWARDS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP TO GRADUATING SENIOR

The Santiago Abut Foundation has awarded the 5,000 2018 Santiago Daniel Abut Memorial Scholarship to Hamail Iqbal, a graduating senior at Summit High School who will attend Rutgers University and intends to pursue studies in Biology/Pre-Medicine. Hamail was chosen from among several highly qualified applicants, in recognition of his strong academic achievement and solid record of work with the Summit community.

Santiago Daniel Abut (Santi) was an eightgrade student at Summit Middle School, when he unexpectedly passed away in 2008 from a misdiagnosed health condition. Now in its seventh consecutive year, the Santiago Daniel Abut Memorial Scholarship is awarded every year to a Summit High School graduating senior who demonstrates academic merit. character/citizenship and financial need. The launching of this scholarship in 2012, which would have been Santi's senior year at Summit High School, adds special meaning to it, as Santi did not get the chance to go to college, but his family would like to think that he attends college, every year, through the students that this scholarship contributes to finance.



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BLUEBERRY CONTEST AT FARMERS MARKET

Summit Downtown, Inc. will hold its first Sunday Funday contest of the 2018 season at the Summit Farmers Market on Sunday, July 8.

Amateur bakers are invited to bring their best blueberry muffins to the Summit Farmers Market by 10:45 a.m. Pre-registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome! Judging begins at 11 a.m. Muffins will be judged on their flavor, texture, and appearance. After the muffins are judged, the public will be able to sample them!

Entrants must bring a half dozen (6) muffins, which must be made from scratch; no canned ingredients or boxed mixes allowed. Entrants must bring a copy of their recipe to the contest with them. The winners will receive Fun Money to be spent at the market. To register for the first Sunday Funday of the season, please visit summitfarmersmarket.com.

The panel of esteemed judges will be comprised of Mayor Nora Radest, Jeanny Race, and Carol Nurmi. Jeanny Race is the owner of Race Farms along with her husband Doug Race. Carol Nurmi is the owner of Sweet Carol's and is a Blue-Ribbon winner of several of her jams.

The Summit Farmers Market Reusable Bag will also be available for sale for \$3 each, or \$5 for two bags; cash only. Any profits will benefit the Summit Green Team, a volunteer group who support the city's Environmental Commission.

The next Sunday Funday activity will be the Salsa Contest on September 30, followed by Pumpkin Painting on October 28 and the final event will be the Apple Pie Contest on November 4. The market is run by Summit Downtown, Inc. and is located in Park & Shop Lot No. 2, at the corner of DeForest Avenue and Maple Street.

The market is open from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. every Sunday through November 18. For more information on the Summit Farmers Market and other Sunday Funday Activities, please visit summitfarmersmarket.com or contact Summit Downtown, Inc. at 908-277-6100.





DEPT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS KIDS ZONE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

The Summit Department of Community Programs (DCP) is asking area residents for donations of pre-school age children's play equipment and toys for a Village Green "Kids Zone" during summer special events, including Screen on the Green, Hot Summer Nights Concert Series, Community Night and National Night Out.

"We believe that is important to make sure everyone is having the best possible experience at our events," explains Director of Community Programs Judith L. Josephs. "As part of our mission to share the fun, we are creating a play area for our youngest concert and movie goers to keep them entertained as well."

The DCP is asking the community to donate used Little Tikes play sets, play kitchens with plastic food sets, pots and pans, Legos, DUPLO building blocks, foam floor puzzles and other toys that would be appropriate for children ages three to five.

Donations will be accepted through August 15, 2018. Items can be dropped off daily from 8:30 a.m.to 4:30 p.m. at Cornog Field House, located at 5 Myrtle Ave. Please email DCPintern@cityofsummit.org to arrange a pickup for larger items.

For additional information on Kid Zone donations or to learn more about the DCP, go to summitcommunityprograms.com or call 908-277-2932.

For the full schedule of Village Green concert, movie and community events, visit summitcommunityprograms.com/297/Village-Green-Events.

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS CONCERT SERIES

Presented by Investors Bank, the Hot Summer Nights Concert Series has become a favorite summertime tradition in the City of Summit.

Every Tuesday night, thousands gather on the Village Green, 356 Broad Street, to enjoy some of the best bands of the East Coast as well as food trucks and free ice cream, courtesy of Investors Bank.

- All Concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.
- July 10 Exit Row
- July 17 Radio Nashville
- July 24 Total Soul
- July 31 Mahoney Brothers
- August 14 Brian Kirk & The Jirks



COMMUNITY NIGHT

The third concert night of the series welcomes all Summit non-profits to line the Village Green to share their mission with the community.

2018 Community Night: Tuesday, July 24th.

Interested in having your non-profit join us for free on Community Night 2018? Share your mission with thousands of concert-goers. Reserve your spot today by contacting David Guida, 908-277-2932.

SCREEN ON THE GREEN MOVIE SERIES

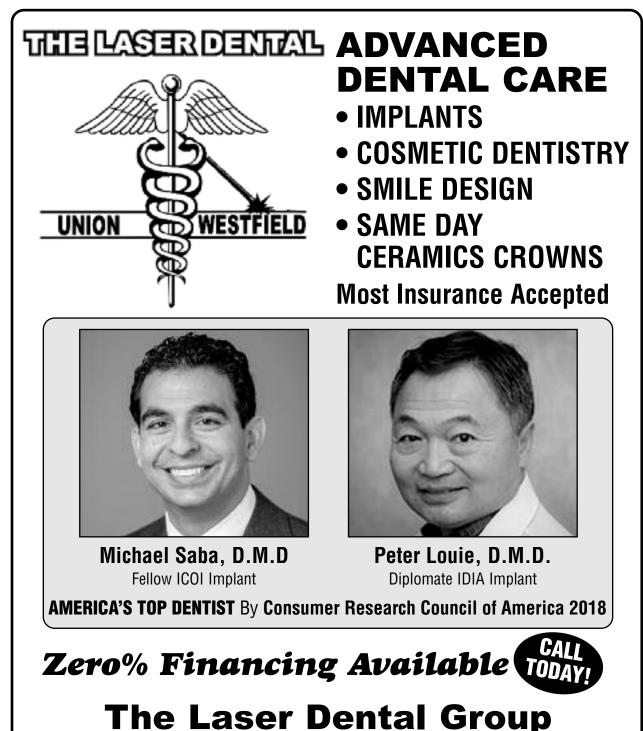
The Screen on the Green outdoor movie series features a 36' x 24' outdoor movie screen, cinema sound, and the projection clarity of today's best Blu-Ray player. Movie-goers are welcome to gather on the Green every Thursday night throughout July and August.

Join us before the movie for a Family Dance Party and a chance to take some selfies with all of your favorite on-screen characters. In past years, Screen on the Green has entertained movie-goers with performances by Medieval Times, Field Station Dinosaurs, as well as the minions from Despicable Me, Willy Wonka and the oompa loompas, and many more.

Screen on the Green is the proud recipient of the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association's Excellence in Visual and Cultural Events Programs Award.

- Thursday Nights throughout July and August
- Family Dance Parties begin at 7:45 p.m.
- Movies begin at Dark
- Free admission. All are welcome.
- 2018 Movie Titles
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- July 26 Ferdinand
- August 2 Monsters Inc.
- August 9 The Greatest Showman

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SUMMIT COLLEGE CLUB AWARDS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by Marylou Motto

The Summit College Club (SCC), a branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), awarded \$20,000 to five outstanding area high school girls at a reception and program held on June 3, 2018.

The annual celebratory ceremony at Lile Hall of Christ Church in Summit began with two speakers who were helped toward their Ph.D.'s by AAUW fellowships: Lois Rockson, a scientist working in public health, and Tamara Issak, who studies language and discrimination. Also on hand was Meryl Schaffer, a 2017 SCC scholarship recipient, who spoke on some of the surprises of her college freshman year.

Then it was on to the business of the day, this year's exceedingly impressive award winners:

• From Summit High School, Victoria Harvey, who was awarded the Tilla Thomas Merit Scholarship.Victoria will attend the University of Virginia next year.

- From Millburn High School, Summer Bushman, who won the Kathi C. Madison M.D. Scholarship. Summer plans to attend Emory University next year.
- From Governor Livingston High School, Sarah Lalevee, who was awarded the Mary K. Tennant Scholarship. Sarah will attend Georgetown University next year.
- From Summit High School, Emily Kostolansky, who won a Summit College Club Merit Scholarship. Emily will be a student at Tufts University next fall.
- From Chatham High School, Emily Boyland, who was awarded a Summit College Club Foundation Scholarship. Emily will attend Villanova University next year.

All five young women had outstanding grades, demonstrated leadership abilities, and many sports, service, and social activities to their credit. The SCC Scholarship Committee introduced each girl with enthusiasm, outlining her many accomplishments as she was presented with her scholarship check, certificate, and flowers.

The program concluded with a cornucopia of refreshments and informal conversations between the happy recipients, proud parents, and satisfied SCC members.

Funding for the scholarships comes from the massive, week-long annual used book sale held by SCC each spring. Marilynn MacLean, a Scholarship Committee member, noted that the organization ran its first book sale in 1935! Since then, the club has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars to worthy young women in the area.

The Summit College Club is a branch of the American Association for University Women, which promotes equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Membership is open to all women and men holding the associate degree or higher.



(above l-r) Meryl Schaffer (student speaker), Sarah Lalevee, Emily Boyland, Lois Rockson (speaker), Tamara Issak (speaker), Summer Bushman, Victoria Harvey. The fifth recipient, Emily Kostolansky, was unable to attend.



NEXT CREATIVE SUMMIT GATHERING WILL BE TUESDAY, JULY 10TH

Submitted by Ellen K. de Havilland, MT-BC

Summit residents, artists, community leaders and business leaders came together for a Creative Summit Gathering at the United Methodist Church in Summit held on May 29, 2018. The topic – connecting culture with community. It was all about how we can support each other to create a place where all creative ideas, all artists, and all people are welcome to create, collaborate and connect.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world." – Margaret Mead. The discussion started with a presentation by Meg Fallin Dietrich, a trustee with the Summit Area Public Foundation on the topic of supporting the creative community. Dietrich shared background on the power of the arts for setting the stage for medical, communication and social purposes. She encouraged the group to support each other to elevate each other, and shared some of the resources available to Summit organizations.

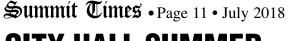
Next up was a presentation by John McEwen, Executive Director of the NJ Theatre Alliance. McEwen presented on the topic of relationship in cultural arts and community, highlighting collaborative opportunities that abound when citizens get together to shape their ideas. Sharing examples of towns across the state of New Jersey who have successfully launched creative initiatives, McEwen encouraged attendees to collaborate and work together as citizens, furthering the message that we can enrich and

strengthen our ideas through the "spirit of collaboration...working together and understanding as a united front". McEwen stated that "All people are inherently creative"..."you don't have to be an artist to be creative." He further shared that the emerging activities of the group should focus on people and diversification to all sectors of the community, thinking of the arts as a business.

The arts are for everyone. The arts build healthy communities by impacting economics, improving property values, creating jobs and supporting local business, building community pride, celebrating culture and diversity, and bringing people from all backgrounds together.

Moderator, Laura Ekstrand from Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre shared tips on her vision towards a path of success for this new group of engaged citizens, and representatives from community organizations, and independent artists, shared ideas and visions for the future of our creative community in Summit. The discussion rounded out with an inspired and motivated group that is ready to unify to support each other and the community.

The next Creative Summit gathering will be Tuesday, July 10th at the Oakes Center at 120 Morris Ave in Summit. All are invited and encouraged to attend these lively discussions, and Creative Summit encourages a culture of support and sharing, as we are all stakeholders in raising up our creative community.



CITY HALL SUMMER HOURS IN EFFECT THROUGH LABOR DAY

The City of Summit has announced that the summer hours schedule is now in effect through Friday, August 31, 2018. City offices will open for business at 8 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, offices will open at 8 a.m. and close at 1 p.m. The summer hours schedule is implemented without increased cost or fewer hours of service to the community.



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LORI LEITER TAKES OATH AS CASA VOLUNTEER

Among the latest class of community volunteers to complete child advocacy training and take their oath from Superior Court Judge James Hely to become Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County are Lori Leiter of Summit, and residents of Cranford, Elizabeth, Jersey City, Linden, Roselle, Union, Westfield and Winfield.

Volunteers with CASA serve as extra eyes and ears for family law judges hearing cases involving the county's abused, neglected or abandoned children removed from home and placed in foster care. They have court-ordered access to all parties in a foster child's life, including foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, and incorporate findings into court reports from these contacts as well as time spent with the youth. In addition to ensuring their needs are met and best interests protected, the CASA volunteers aim to become a constant in the life of their assigned youth, who are living amid unknowns about their future, changing caseworkers and multiple foster homes.

The new advocates are ages 28 to 72 and include parents and non-parents; professionals in business, technology, education and law enforcement; students; retirees; and homemakers. Most had no prior knowledge of the foster

LEASH AND PICK UP **AFTER YOUR DOG**

Submitted by Amy Cairns

The city has recently received a number of complaints about dogs being off-leash in parks and about dog waste left in parks and on playing fields. In several instances, dog bites have been reported. Citizens are respectfully reminded that city code prohibits dogs from being off-leash anywhere in the city except in the location where the dog resides, and that dog waste must be picked up. Thank you.



meet the foster youth for whom they will advocate.

It is CASA of Union County's goal that every Union County foster child have an advocate, yet half of the more than 500 such youth still await

system. Each will soon receive their case and one. Could you be their voice? The next training begins July 11, 2018 and two additional trainings are slated for the fall. For details, contact 908-293-8136 Courtney at or cgreen@casaofunioncounty.org, or log on to www.casaofunioncounty.org.



(above) Joining CASA Executive Director Marla Higginbotham (left) and Superior Court Judge James Helv (center) are, (l-r) newly sworn advocates Lisa Harold of Elizabeth, Kevin Byron of Roselle, Soraya Fernandez of Cranford, Doris Johnson of Linden, Lori Leiter of Summit, Juliet Lehavi of Westfield, Shymaa Mansour of Jersey City, Susan Wright of Winfield and Barbara Whitaker of Union.

DETECTIVE TARENTINO HONORED AT TREE DEDICATION CEREMONY

The Franklin Elementary School PTO hosted a Tree Dedication Ceremony in May to honor the life of Detective Tarentino with a plaque and tree that is planted by the reading garden outside of the school. The plaque reads, "Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure, you are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure."

In addition to his tireless service to the entire community of Summit, Detective Tarentino was especially beloved by the students and faculty at Franklin where he ran the D.A.R.E program for several years.

The event was attended by Chief Weck and the Summit Police force, Mayor Nora Radest, June Chang and members of the Summit Board of Ed, the Franklin PTO and Principal Dalia Mirrione.





(above) A Tree Dedication Ceremony to honor the life of Detective Tarentino was held at Franklin Elementary School.

STUDENT MUSICIANS RATED SUPERIOR AT THE HIGH NOTE FESTIVAL

The Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School, Bel Canto Choir, Chamber Orchestra, and Stage Band competed in the High Note

Festival which took place in Pennsylvania this rating 'Superior' from the adjudicators! spring.

Special thanks to music directors Mary-Lynn All three ensembles received the highest Rhodes, Joann Manhardt, and John Piepoli.



Photo by Summit Public Schools

FIREFIGHTER APPRECIATION DAY AT BRAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Elementary School tradition, students in Mrs. Lepore's 2nd grade class and Mr. Stanbro's 4th grade class hosted Firefighter Appreciation Day this spring. All Brayton students were encouraged to wear red and black to show their appreciation

As part of Citizens of the Month, a Brayton for Summit's bravest. Additionally, donations from 2L and 4S were combined to purchase lunch for the Summit Fire Department, which Mr. Stanbro, Mrs. Lepore, class moms, and three students delivered on June 6th.



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SFD PARTNERS WITH SHS TO PRESENT DORM FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM

The City of Summit Fire Department partnered with Summit High School and Shaping Summit Together to present 'After the Fire,' a program to educate graduating seniors on college campus fire safety.

The goal of the program is to make students aware of fire safety while away from home and living in a college dorm or in an off-campus apartment. Alvaro Llanos and Shawn Simons, who survived the Seaton Hall University fire on January 19, 2000, provided a compelling presentation with details of their own tragic experience and struggle to heal.

"The Summit Fire Department recognizes that going away to college is an exciting time for students and their families," explains Summit Fire Chief Eric Evers. "Living away from home for the first time not only gives young adults more freedom, but it also increases their required level of personal responsibility. It is important that college students understand and practice fire safety in dorm living."

For more information on the After the Fire presentation and fire safety tips from the Summit Fire Department, go to: cityofsummit.org/ DocumentCenter/View/2844/Campus-safety-tips



CITY OF SUMMIT 71ST ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The City of Summit's 70th Annual Fourth of July Celebration will take place on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at Soldiers Memorial Field, located at 5 Myrtle Avenue. The day-long celebration include entertainment, rides and will amusements, as well as an expanded food truck festival.

The day will begin with the Flag Raising Ceremony at 9:45 a.m., followed by the children's decorated bicycle parade at 10 a.m. Rides, amusements, and children's entertainment will continue until 1 p.m., when Memorial Field will close to set up for evening activities.

The evening's festivities will begin at 6 p.m. and will include rides, entertainment, and the food truck festival. Jam with Jamie will perform an interactive music concert at 6:30 p.m., followed by Daddy Pop in Concert at 7:30 p.m. The night will close with the spectacular fireworks display, beginning at 9:15 p.m.

The Fourth of July Celebration is fully funded by residents and local businesses. To contribute or to view more information including a full schedule of events, please visit summitcommunityprograms.com.



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LEILA ESPOSITO RECEIVES JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT SCHOLARSHIP

Leila Esposito of Summit High School and Katie Zimmerman of Governor Livingston High School as recipients of our annual Shirley Wight Keeney Voluntarism Scholarships. In addition, we are thrilled to award our inaugural Continuing Education Scholarship to Sama Manchanda, who is currently attending the University of Southern California.

"The League is always impressed with the caliber of our scholarship applicants, and this year is no exception. The achievements and contributions of these women is an inspiration to us all, and we look forward to seeing what they accomplish as they continue their education," said Junior League President, Liz Dutkewych.

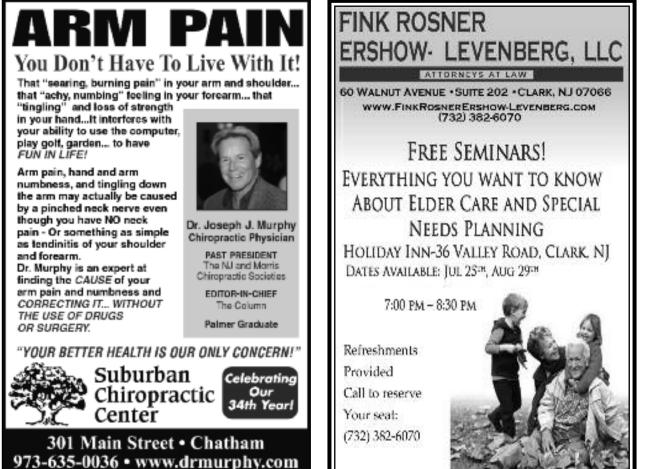
Leila Esposito of Summit High School plans to study biology and Spanish and will be playing varsity soccer at Catholic University of America. Leila began pursuing her love for voluntarism early on as a Girl Scout in elementary school. She remained in scouting through high school and continued to bolster her passion for volunteer work through her Gold Award Project. She observed a need in the local community and devoted two years to tackling it with other volunteers. Over the past few years, Syrian, Afghani, and Iraqi refugee families have been seeking protection in Elizabeth, NJ. As a result, a new community of refugee children formed. A majority of the children, ages 4-18, have been out of school or have never attended school throughout their lives due to the constant presence of war in their home countries. In order to help acclimate these refugee children to the school environment and ease them into the American culture, she ran a summer program at a local mosque in Elizabeth to teach

The Junior League of Summit proudly names introductory English and beginner math skills. While working on this project, Leila has maintained a 4.2 GPA with a rigorous academic schedule and has been an involved member of her school's student council. She captained her high school's varsity soccer team for two seasons. She is looking forward to remaining very active in the volunteering community while continuing to study and play soccer at college next year.

The Shirley Wight Keeney Voluntarism Scholarships are awarded annually by the Junior League of Summit to local, graduating seniors. The scholarships' namesake, Shirley Wight Keeney, was a beloved member of the Junior League of Summit and the Summit community. As an active volunteer, Ms. Keeney truly demonstrated the League's Mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through effective action and leadership.

This year, the Junior League of Summit introduced a new Continuing Education Scholarship, which is an award given to an adult woman who has demonstrated a commitment to voluntarism in her community and is pursuing additional education or certification.

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(above) Leila Esposito of Summit, recipient of the Shirley Wight Keeney Voluntarism Scholarship, will be attending Catholic University of America.



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