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GREEN SUMMIT STARTS ITS OWN REPAIR CAFÉ

What do you do with a broken toaster? Or with a bike when the wheel runs out of true? Or with a sweater full of moth holes? Toss it? No way! Green Summit is organizing the first Repair Café at Saint John's Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

At Saint John's Lutheran Church, on 587 Springfield Avenue, Summit, on September 22, 2018 everything centers on making repairs. Starting from 1 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m., various volunteer repair volunteers will be available to help make all possible repairs free of charge. Tools and materials will also be on hand.

People visiting the Repair Café should carry in their beloved but broken items including toasters, lamps, hair dryers, clothes, bikes, toys, crockery... anything that is broken is welcome, and can more than likely be repaired. The Repair Café specialists almost always have the know-how.

By promoting repairs, Green Summit wants to help reduce mountains of waste. This is absolutely necessary, according to Courtney Cordaro.

"We throw away piles of stuff in the United States," explained Cordaro. "Even things which practically have nothing wrong with them get thrown away, and could easily be used again after a simple repair. Unfortunately, many people have forgotten that they can have things repaired. Repair Café can change all that."

Repair Café is also meant to put neighbors in touch with each other in a new way, and to discover that a lot of know-how and practical skills can be found close to home.

"If you repair a bike, a CD player or a pair of pants together with a previously unfamiliar neighbor, you look at that person in a different light the next time you run into them on the street," said Cordaro. "Jointly making repairs can lead to pleasant contacts in the neighborhood."

Courtney points out that repairs can save money and resources, and can help minimize CO emissions. "But above all, Repair Café just wants to show how much fun and often easy repairing things can be!"

Repair volunteers are needed for any skill type; reach out to GreenSummitNJ@gmail.com!



ABOUT THE REPAIR CAFÉ FOUNDATION

The Repair Café concept arose in the Netherlands in 2009, created by Martine Postma, an Amsterdam-based journalist/publicist. In 2010, she started the Repair Café Foundation (see RepairCafe.org). This foundation provides support to local groups around the world wishing to start their own Repair Café. The foundation supports the Repair Café in Summit.



(above) Restaurant Week Photo Contest story on page 2.

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SUMMIT RESTAURANT WEEK PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Over thirty downtown restaurants participated in Summit Downtown's 10th Annual Restaurant Week with prix fixed menus, specials, and more. The week began with a special edition of Summit Street Sounds featuring live music throughout the downtown on Thursday, July 19, 2018.

Special thanks to Haven Savings Bank for sponsoring Restaurant Week this year!

For the fourth year in a row, Summit Downtown, Inc. hosted a Restaurant Week Photo Contest. You can see all the delicious photos on Summit Downtown, Inc.'s Facebook page.

A delicious photo of Winberie's Lobster Roll made with chunky lobster salad, lettuce, and avocado, on a New England roll served with coleslaw and French fries won Catherine Goncalves the People's Choice Award for 2018.

Melanie Cohn, Executive Director of the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, had the

difficult task of choosing the Best in Show winner. Cohn remarked that it was a very difficult choice, but ultimately awarded Annie Stower's photo of a sandwich from Batavia Café top honors. The winners can expect an email with directions on how to claim their prizes.

Summit Downtown, Inc. and the Visual Arts Center will be partnering with the Summit P.A.L. for Arts + Cars, a Summit Downtown Festival to be held on Sunday, September 16. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the downtown streets will be lined with classic cars, artists and their wares for sale, live music on stage on Beechwood Road, and children's activities. Details can be found on the Visual Arts Center's website.

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

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(above) Best in Show went to Annie Stower's photo of a sandwich from Batavia Café.

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(above) The People's Choice Award went to Catherine Goncalves for her photo of a Winberie's Lobster Roll.

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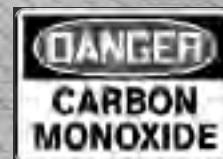
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(above) Rotary Club President Swati Goorha of New Providence pictured with Meals on Wheels volunteer Linda Delma of Summit.

SAGE IS FIRST STOP IN ROTARY CLUB'S NEW PROGRAM "ROTARY FOR COMMUNITY"

A team of fifteen volunteers from the Rotary Club of Summit – New Providence visited SAGE Eldercare recently as part of the Rotary's new monthly program "Rotary for Community." Volunteers spent time visiting with clients of the Spend-A-Day Adult Health Care program and helped deliver Meals on Wheels.

The Rotary, whose motto "Service Above Self," has been involved with community projects in Summit and New Providence since 1922. Along with community service, the Rotary has been awarding financial scholarships to college bound seniors for 92 years. Six were awarded this year.

SAGE was the first stop on the list of organizations they are scheduled to help because of SAGE's 64-year history of serving older adults in the area.

"SAGE has been an integral part of the

community and in the fabric of Summit for so long it was easy to team with SAGE for our first project," said Rotary President Swati Goorha.

"We greatly appreciate the support of the Rotary Club," said SAGE Executive Director Angela Sullivan. "Their commitment to supporting our community and their humanitarian efforts are admirable and greatly appreciated."

To learn more about the Rotary of Summit – New Providence visit their website: snrotary.org/index.php.

Since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves amazing places to age. SAGE is committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers. For more information, please call 908.273.5550 or visit sageeldercare.org.



(above) Rotary member Jim Fleischmann of Summit with a participant of Spend-A-Day.



(above) Rotary Club members preparing to deliver Meals on Wheels.



(above) Rotary Club members entertaining clients of the Spend-A-Day program along with SAGE Manager of Recreation Sue Wirth.

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The staged reading will be performed at 8 p.m. Saturday, September 8th at the Chatham Playhouse 23 North Passaic Ave Chatham, NJ. All Tickets are \$10.

The reading is to benefit CCP's Outreach program. To access the theater's online ticketing service, simply go to ccp.booktix.com. For more information, call the box office at (973) 635-7363 or go to chathamplayers.org. It is highly

recommended that tickets be purchased in advance. Patrons with special needs requiring seating accommodations should contact the

Playhouse at least 24 hours prior to the performance. Without prior notice, accommodations cannot be guaranteed.



(above) Directed by George Seylaz of Belleville. Starring : Sarah Blannet Pharaon of South Orange, Juliana Valente of Wyckoff, Julie Anne Nolan of Little Falls, Lauri MacMillan of Rockaway, Karen Thornton of New Providence, Tasha Williams-Arroyo of Belleville, Paula Ehrenberg of Summit, Samantha Kaplan of Wellington, Billy Mitchell of Jersey City, Sean Lough of Fanwood, Shane Long of Paramus, Arnold Buchiane of Summit, Josh Musgrave of Florham Park and Duane Noch of Middletown.



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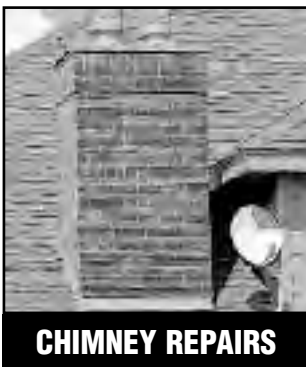




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SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SCOUT REGATTA

Students at the Crossroads School in Westfield participated in their annual "Raingutter Regatta," the school's summer version of their annual Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. In a raingutter regatta two students race handmade sailboats down a narrow channel, whoever reaches the end of the channel first is the winner. The students can decorate and name their boats before the race.

Patriots' Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America has partnered with the Union County Educational Services Commission for over 5 years to provide Scouting programs to special needs youth in Union County at The Crossroads School (Pack 45) and The Westlake School (Troop 1571), both in Westfield. The Westfield United Fund sponsors the program and pays for the students' registration and material costs.

Pack 45 at Crossroads school is led by school social worker Ms. Elaine Liggeri, who enjoys using Scouting to give her students enrichment

activities that they may not be able to participate in outside of a school setting. The pack will have its annual Pinewood Derby next winter.

For more information about Special Needs Scouting in Munsee, Raritan Valley, or Watchung Mountain, please contact Program Executive Will Adams at will.adams@scouting.org or 973-765-9322 x234; for Black River, Fishawak, and

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(above) Students from Crossroads School in Westfield participating in their annual "Raingutter Regatta," where they raced handmade sailboats down a narrow channel.



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Dr. Massarelli will speak at the Wednesday, September 26, 2018 meeting. All are welcome. Learn about the support and education that NAMI can offer. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at RWJ Rahway Fitness & Wellness Center, 2120 Lamberts Mill Rd., Scotch Plains. For more information, call 908-233-1628 or email namiunioncounty@yahoo.com

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90 Minute Parking Kiosks are located at:

- Bank Street
- Beechwood Road, Maple Street and Summit Avenue between Union Place and Springfield Avenue
- Deforest Avenue between Kent Place Boulevard and Norwood Avenue
- Norwood Avenue and Kent Place Boulevard between Springfield and Deforest Avenues
- Springfield Avenue between Kent Place Boulevard and Glenwood Place
- Union Place

Five-hour Parking Kiosks are located on Deforest Avenue between Norwood Avenue and

Beechwood Road.

The single space street meters on these streets will be covered with instructions to "pay at kiosk" until the street meters are eventually removed. Covered meters do not indicate that parking is free.

Made effective July 2, 2018, the rate for parking in 90-minute spots is \$1.00 per hour. At the payment kiosk, customers will be prompted to enter a vehicle license plate number and to make a payment with exact change or by credit card. Payments can also be made with Parkmobile. The first 15-minutes free parking will still be offered at payment kiosks.

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September 16, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Last year's exciting event is back! Summit Downtown will host an event that's fun for the whole family! From 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. there will be a juried art show with lots of art and crafts for sale, the P.A.L. Classic Car Show, live music from the B Street Band and others, and children's activities.

These activities are being organized cooperatively by the Summit Police Athletic League (P.A.L.), Summit Downtown, Inc., and the Visual Arts Center of NJ.

Art Festival: The Summit Downtown Art Festival is back! This is an outdoor, juried art show with plenty of art and wares for sale. The Art Festival will be located on Springfield Avenue between Maple Street and Summit Avenue. The Art Festival is co-organized by the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey.

Live Entertainment: The day kicks off with incredible acrobats doing feats that will make you gasp! Bring the family early, and then enjoy

the live music of the B Street Band, the preeminent Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band, and the Matt Mattheiss Band. The stage will be located on upper Beechwood Road. Special thanks to Regal Bank for sponsoring this great musical entertainment!

Classic Car Show: Organized by the Summit Police Athletic League (P.A.L.), hundreds of classic cars will be displayed on Union Place, Bank Street, and lower Beechwood Road. For more information on the car show or to enter your car, please visit summitpal.org.

Children's Activities will be provided by the Summit YMCA and other local nonprofits on Springfield Avenue.

Summit Farmers Market will be open at 22 DeForest Avenue from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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

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BOY SCOUTS HONOR TOM GARVEY, KAREN BOWMAN, AND STEVE BOWMAN WITH DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARDS

Boy Scouts of America will be honoring local citizens at the 2018 Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner to be held on the evening of Thursday, September 13, 2018 at The Canoe Brook Country Club at 6:30 pm. This year's honorees are Tom Garvey, Karen & Steve Bowman, and Gary Singleterry. The event recognizes these four outstanding citizens for their community service, as evidenced by their leadership and interests within the community, and for their embodiment of the values of the century old Scout Oath and Law in their personal and professional lives. The event co-chairs are Karl Hersch, Principal, Strategy & Operations, Deloitte Consulting LLP and Al Lord, Founder & CEO, Lexerd Capital Management LLC.

Tom Garvey is retired after a thirty-five year career with J.P. Morgan/Chase Bank. Tom was Vice Chairman of Chase Mortgage Corporation and President of Chase Retail Mortgage banking. Since retiring from J.P. Morgan, Tom has led several volunteer and charitable organizations including acting as President of the Summit Taxpayers Association (STA) for five years; acting as the assistant coach of the Summit Women's High School basketball team and serving as a board member of the Summit Speech School. Tom currently is chairperson of the finance committee at St. Teresa of Avila Church and School. Tom has also spent much of the past five years as the Capital Campaign Chair raising several million dollars to provide dignity, food and shelter for the sick and poor at the Kevin Guest House in Buffalo, New York. Kevin Guest House is particularly noted as the inspiration for creation of the Ronald McDonald hospitality houses nationwide. Additionally, Tom is a Trustee of St. Bonaventure University in Olean, New York and is actively involved in the University's athletic endeavors and Franciscan mission activities.

Karen Bowman is an Audit Partner at Deloitte. Her current and past volunteer activities include serving on the audit committee of the Summit Educational Foundation, leadership roles at

Central Presbyterian Church, committee member of the Fort Worth Economic Development Council, Summit YMCA Laugh Out Loud planning committee, Chair of the Banking Committee for the American Chamber of Commerce in both Singapore and Hong Kong, member of the Women's Advisory Board of the Girl Scouts Council of the Nation's Capital Area, Camp CEO program of the Girl Scouts Council of the Nation's Capital, member of Leadership Greater Washington, audit committee chairman and finance committee member of the Fairfax County Virginia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Head of the Finance Committee of the Tahiri Justice Center, and member of the Los Angeles YMCA Board of Directors.

Steve Bowman currently serves as Common Councilman for Ward 2 in Summit and was previously a City of Summit Zoning Board member. He serves on Safety and Works committees as well as Summit Downtown Inc,

the Joint Meeting committee of Union and Essex County and the NPSM Emergency Communication Management Board. Steve is an Elder at Central Presbyterian Church and teaches Sunday school. Steve serves as the President of the Board of Crestview Swim Club. He previously coached SJBS softball and was a volunteer at Franklin Elementary School. Steve also previously served on the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Trenchless Technology Society and was the Canterwood Homeowners Association President.

Gary Singleterry is currently an Investment Director of GAM, an international investment management firm based in Zurich, Switzerland. He is a member of a team that oversees investments of approximately \$2 billion, specializing in mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities. Gary has served for several years as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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BOY SCOUT DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS (Continued)

of the Plainfield Christian Science Church, Independent. He is also founder and trustee of the Wellspring Foundation, which was established to promote Christian education. Gary earned the Eagle Scout Rank, the highest rank in Scouting, in Portland, Oregon in 1963.

Funds raised at the Distinguished Citizen Awards Dinner will benefit the Boy Scouts of America's STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) programs. The Boy Scouts of America has enhanced STEM content in every facet of Scouting from summer camp to the pinewood derby, by developing programs that explore the STEM principles behind familiar Scouting activities. The BSA's STEM initiative gives Scouts an opportunity to explore relevant skills and experiences and to be recognized for their achievements. The BSA's aim is to expose youth to new opportunities and help them develop the STEM skills critical for the competitive world marketplace. Further funds will be raised at the event for Scouts in

underserved areas of New Jersey to experience summer camp and enjoy the Scouting program.

For more information on Scouting in the area, attending and/or supporting the event, contact Jennifer Volz, Sr. Development Director, at 973-765-9322 ext. 249 and/or jennifer.volz@scouting.org.



(above) Gary Singleterry.



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Living Options As We Age – Panel Discussion Wednesday, September 12

Come learn about the variety of living options available to older adults and their families. Our panel includes experts from the fields of long term care, assisted living, skilled nurses as well as hospice care, home care, care planning and support and adult day programs. Refreshments will be served. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Fall Prevention for Seniors Wednesday, September 26

Presented in conjunction with Atlantic Healthcare System, this group of experts will present ways to keep you safe and balanced. The program includes pedestrian safety, walking supports, rehabilitation information, the benefits of exercise & yoga and a discussion about the side effects of medications as it relates to falling. Free blood pressure, bone density and hearing screenings are included. Light refreshments will be served. 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Spend-A-Day Open House Wednesday, September 26

Tour our Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Care program and see how Spend-A-Day fits the needs of your family member, friend or neighbor. Spend-A-Day provides an opportunity to socialize and participate in a daily recreational program. 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. For questions or to schedule a tour on another date please call Pamela Marusic 908-598-5516.

Caregiver Support Group for Adult Children (meets every other week)

September 10, 24 (7:00 – 8:30 pm)

A support group for adult children who act as their parents' caregivers will be led by Licensed Clinical Social Worker and InfoCare Manager Kathy Larkin. The group will cover topics such as balancing work and the needs of their families, long-distance caregiving, family conflicts, finding resources, and navigating the healthcare system. Pre-registration is required for this free group.

Fun-to-be-Fit Exercise Class (meets Tuesday and Friday)

September 4, 11, 18, 25 (10:15 – 11:15 a.m.) and September 7, 14, 21, 28 (11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

General exercise class for older adults designed to improve overall fitness for all levels. Cost is \$10 per class.

Gentle Chair Yoga

(meets Monday and Wednesday)

September 5, 12, 19, 26 (11:30 – 12:30 pm)

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Tai Chi

(meets weekly)

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'STUFF-A-TRUCK' EVENT TO HELP LOCAL FAMILIES WITH DIAPER NEED

Submitted by Jerusha Oleksiuk

Join Moms Helping Moms Foundation (MHM) to help us lessen the burden for moms who struggle to provide diapers for their children.

Diaper Need Awareness Week is September 24-30, and in honor of this week MHM is having a 'Stuff-a-Truck' event to raise diapers, dollars and awareness. The 'Stuff-a-Truck' event will take place on September 15, 2018 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m at the New Providence Community Pool, 1378 Springfield Ave, New Providence, NJ.

Diaper need is the challenge to provide babies with clean, dry diapers. For some, purchasing diapers for a baby can be a huge struggle. A baby uses close to 2,800 diapers in its first year, costing about \$1000. One-in-three families struggle to

afford this necessity.

Join us for a free, kid-friendly event with food and fun and help us 'Stuff-a-Truck' with diapers to alleviate the stress and worry moms feel when they can't afford this critical basic. When you donate diapers or dollars you will be entered into a raffle to win great prizes from New Providence Pure Barre and College Nannies + Tutors of Summit, NJ. If you cannot attend the event but would like to support the cause, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2nr4emE>

Moms Helping Moms Foundation is a not-for-project organization that provides baby essentials and diapers to low-income families in New Jersey. Visit them on the web at:

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Once a year we hold a benefit to raise money so we can continue this good work. This year we

are hosting "Cocktails and Comedy", a night of laughter and fun. The Benefit will be Friday, September 14, 2018 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. It will be held at the new Rose Hall Theatre in beautiful downtown Madison at 10 Kings Rd. Tickets are \$100 per person, with donations over \$25 tax deductible. In lieu of a silent auction, donations toward therapy sessions for families in need are also accepted.

Tickets for the event are available by sending a check to the Grace Counseling Center at 16 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ 07940, by contacting the center at 973-822-0707, or by email info@gracecounseling.org. Hope to see you there!

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- 9/21 - From Civil War to Progressivism
- 9/28 - The New Deal
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- 10/12 - Abortion Rights
- 10/19 - Today's Court

DEAD AND BURIED, A BENEFIT FOR THE SUMMIT LIBRARY

Friday, September 28, 6:30 p.m.

The Summit Free Public Library Foundation invites you to support the Summit Free Public Library while enjoying opening night of Dreamcatcher's newest play, Dead and Buried. Join us for an entertaining evening as we toast this dark comedy. Set in a small New England town at Halloween, 18-year-old Perdue finds a job in the local graveyard. Perdue has come to town to live with her aunt while searching for her missing mother. Wine & cheese reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by performance at 8:00 p.m. \$60/pp (part of which is tax-deductible). At the Oakes Center, 120 Morris Ave., Summit. Call 908-273-0350 to order tickets or visit our website for details at www.summitlibrary.org.



(above) On August 9, 2018 Calum the Alpaca from Highland Airs Alpaca Ranch visited the Summit Free Public Library!

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS & TEENS

Batman Day!

Saturday, September 15, 1 p.m.

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All ages welcome.

Girl Power at the Summit Free Public Library! Sheroes Throughout History:

Role Models of Female Empowerment

Monday, September 24, 3 p.m.

On Monday, September 24, we'll be offering an inspirational program presented by youth empowerment expert Dr. Danielle Walker that features stories of famous women and girls all over the world – from suffragettes, boxers, and painters, to scientists, directors, and more! The scope of female representation in STEM, the humanities, politics, and sports of past and present day will be covered in this enlightening workshop. Through dialogue, a group activity, a role model game, and art project we'll explore how each young woman can reach her full potential. 90 minutes. Grades 6 and up.

Doggy Days

Books and Woofs

Monday, September 24, 7 p.m.

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Ed has enjoyed many different types of professional opportunities throughout his career, but the common thread through all has been leadership management and service to others.

A 12-year Army veteran, Ed had a long career in small business consulting and accounting services. He also spent six years in higher education, helping a small college through the national accreditation process.

Proving that you can never stop learning, Ed is currently working on a Doctorate in Business Administration.

Ed will offer training workshops in Spanish as well as English and is busy developing new curriculum to broaden our array of topics. Check the UCEDC on-line calendar, ucedc.com/events, for the inaugural session of "Year-End Tax Prep for Small Businesses" sometime in the Fall.

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(above) Ed Ramirez,
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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO ADDRESS REDISTRICTING

Fair Districts NJ is a non-partisan coalition fighting to reform New Jersey's redistricting process. The League of Women Voters believes that redistricting should be impartial and transparent. It should maximize public input in the process and put the power in the hands of the voters. Redistricting is happening in 2021. We need to organize now.

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence & Summit will host Helen Kioukis, LWVNJ Program Associate. She will lay out the problem, offer solutions and call to action citizens who want to ensure that NJ Congressional and Legislative Districts are drawn in a way that is transparent, representative and impartial.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the De Corso Community Center, 15 E. 4th Street, New Providence. The public is invited.

Join us - find out about the coalition and how you can help take action. We can draw fairer maps, encourage competition, increase voter turnout and make redistricting reform a reality in NJ.

For more information call 973-701-8052.

VETERANS' AND DEPENDENTS' HEALTH CARE BENEFITS PRESENTATION

For veterans and dependents of veterans, the Cranford Public Library will present a valuable health care information session on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. David Brimmer, MS, of the Department of Veterans' Affairs New Jersey Health Care System will visit the Cranford Community Center to speak about health care benefits available to veterans and dependents. He will also discuss the process for filing a claim for VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation.

The VA New Jersey Health Care System honors America's veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. With two main campuses and ten community-based outpatient clinics in NJ, they have been a lifeline for those in need as part of the Veterans' Health Administration, serving U.S. veterans for over 150 years.

No registration is required for this free event. The Cranford Community Center is located at 220 Walnut Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016, and is accessible to all.

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