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While many towns have shifted to hiring paid Emergency Medical Services (EMS) units, Summit remains one of the exceptions with its team of full-time, dedicated Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) volunteers, many of whom are Summit residents. With over 60 active members, the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad answers an average of more than 2,100 calls a year, saving Summit taxpayers over one million dollars annually.

“An annual fundraising appeal letter was recently mailed by the First Aid Squad to all homes and businesses in Summit,” explains Summit Mayor Nora Radest. “I encourage every

citizen to consider making a donation to this vitally important community organization. Dedicated EMS volunteers respond our calls for help every day here in Summit. We need them, and the squad needs your support.”

In addition to its staff of adult members, the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad includes 20 junior members, high school students ages 16 and older that assist in emergency calls. Juniors attend training sessions, participate in junior meetings and squad activities, and serve on a regularly scheduled crew shifts each week.

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, Inc. is an independent non-profit corporation dedicated to providing emergency medical services (EMS), non-emergency ambulance transportation, and safety training to the Summit community. All of its services are provided free of charge and funded entirely through private donations.

For information on membership and to donate securely on-line, please go to [summitems.org](http://summitems.org).

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## DEDICATED PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS CELEBRATED AT BOE MEETING

*Submitted by Mia Bivaletz*

At the September Board of Education Meeting, the Board and community recognized staff with 25 years of service to the Summit Public Schools, as well as those who were newly tenured. Congratulations to the following educators and staff members who exude enthusiasm and dedication on a daily basis:

25 Years of Service: Thomas Maliszewski, Supervisor of Fine, Performing & Practical Arts; Pat Walsh, Transition Coordinator; Ron Cooper, Audio Visual Technician; and John Ross,

LCJSMS Science Teacher

Newly Tenured: Anne Paris, Carrie Nugent, Matt Schachtel, Arthur Rodgers, Kristen Scaglione, Samantha Barrows, Matthew Carder, Awilda Jerez, Diane Silvester, Alexandra Aguiar, Rebecca Hoffler, Cheryl Adair, Simone Baskerville, Noreen Boverly, Rose McCauley, James Siracusa, Carrie Leshin, Nicole Plevniak, Ilanit Kaplan, Jennifer Parkes, Mallory Mortillaro, Alexander Whiteside, Janice Tierney, Mia Bivaletz, Donna Schneider, Carlos Garcia, and Karen Doherty



(above) Staff with 25 years of service were celebrated at the September BOE meeting, as well as newly tenured staff.

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The Division of Public Works will collect bagged leaves on regularly scheduled garbage pickup days. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable brown bags and placed at the

curb. Residents may also bring leaves to the Summit Transfer Station at 40 New Providence Ave. Leaves collected in the spring and fall are composted and are made available to the public in the spring for use on lawns and in gardens.

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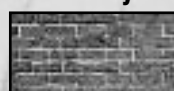
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### LECTURES, THEATRE, CRAFTING AND MORE

On Wednesday, October 2 from 11:30 am-1:00 pm Dr. Vijay Joshi will examine the major ideas of the Age of Enlightenment—rationalism, liberalism, humanism, and trust in science. He will explore their impact on the development of Western society and discuss parallel ideas expressed by 19th century thinkers from India who were influenced by Western literature.

Dr. Joshi is a retired medical school professor whose hobby is the study of Western civilization, with a focus on historical and philosophical aspects.

Local author Tisha Bender will read from and discuss her novel, *And All is Always Now* on Saturday, October 5 from 2-3:30 pm. A novel with a mysterious subplot, the story takes place in England's Lake District. Ms. Bender was born and raised in London, England. She has been teaching in the Rutgers Writing Program since 2014. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.

On Sunday, October 13 from 2-3:30 pm we'll have our next Make Your Own crafting program with Make Your Own: Fabric Wall Hanging. Join us as we make shabby chic wall hangings. Use your creativity and choose from various fabric and ribbon strips to design a one of a kind wall or door decoration. Anyone can do this craft...no special skills are required! Space is limited.

Climate Change-What Can We Do? Is the

topic of a lecture on Tuesday, October 15 from 7-8:30 pm. Presented by Ariel Hoover, M.A., a recently retired instructor at Tufts University. What are the impacts of climate change, and what can we do about it? This presentation and interactive discussion will help answer these questions. Come hear an explanation of the causes of climate change and its impacts on our economy, national defense, food and water supply as well as the surge in infectious diseases. Most importantly, the lecture will focus on HOPE, and the role each of us can play to ensure that our country and planet's future well-being are healthy and sustainable. You will see that we have the tools already to change our trajectory.

Do you believe in ghosts? If not, you might change your mind after attending Ghosthunting New Jersey and New York City on Thursday, October 17 from 7-8:30 pm! Join us for a lively illustrated talk about some of the most-haunted places in New Jersey and NYC, including the Spy House, Burlington County Prison Museum, the Hermitage, and the Bernardsville Library. Speaker L'Aura Hladik Hoffman is Founder/Director of the New Jersey Ghost Hunters Society, and author of many books about ghosthunting, including *Ghosthunting New Jersey*.

Be prepared to be entertained on Sunday, October 20 from 2-3 pm as the Hudson Shakespeare company presents Christopher

Marlow's *Doctor Faustus* just in time for Halloween. Doctor Faustus, a German intellect, has risen to the height of his profession but still wants more - the world of magic. He calls upon Mephistopheles, a servant of the devil, for his help. Faustus makes an offer the devil can't refuse - he will sign away his soul in exchange for 24 years of life and Mephistopheles at his beck and call in order to discover the secrets of life. Faustus then embarks on a journey through time and space in order to discover all of life's meaning. Who will he meet? Where will he travel to? What will he learn? And ultimately - what happens when his time is up? Funding for this program is made possible by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, through a grant from the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.

Calling all activists, would be activists, or anyone interested in learning about how to start a social movement that has impact as Ron Goldberg, author of the soon to be published *Boy with the Bullhorn: A Memoir of ACT UP and AIDS Activism* presents *REVOLUTION: A User's Manual* on Monday, October 28 from 7-8:30 pm. Open to adults and teens, Drawing on his own experience he will cover how to create an action including guidance on organizing including strategies, logistics, outreach, and on-site preparation. He'll provide tips for successful organization - including do's and don'ts.

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## Avoid the Pitfalls of Long-term Care

Thursday, October 3 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm

A program to learn about common mistakes that are made during a long-term care crisis, and how to avoid those mistakes, will be discussed. Elder Law Attorney Laurie Hauptman Esq from Hauptman and Hauptman, P C will explain how to effectively navigate the maze of the senior health care system with a plan and professional guidance.

## Living Options As We Age

Thursday, October 17 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

As we and our loved ones age, we are faced with the decision of whether or not to remain in our homes. In this panel discussion we will learn about different living options. Our panel of experts will outline various living arrangements and their levels of care to help you navigate the future.

## Medicare Changes in 2020

Thursday, October 31 - 12:30 - 1:00 pm

Join us for one of our presentations by SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) counselors of Union County led by SHIP counselors of Union County SAGE. Individual appointments are available also.

## Fun-to-be-Fit Exercise Class

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (10:15 - 11:15 a.m.) and 4, 11, 18, 25 (11:30 - 12:30)

General exercise class for older adults designed to improve overall fitness for all levels. Cost is \$10 per class. SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street, Summit. To register or for more information, please call 908-598-5548 or email [education@sageeldercare.org](mailto:education@sageeldercare.org).

## Gentle Chair Yoga

October 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30 (11:30 - 12:30 p.m.)

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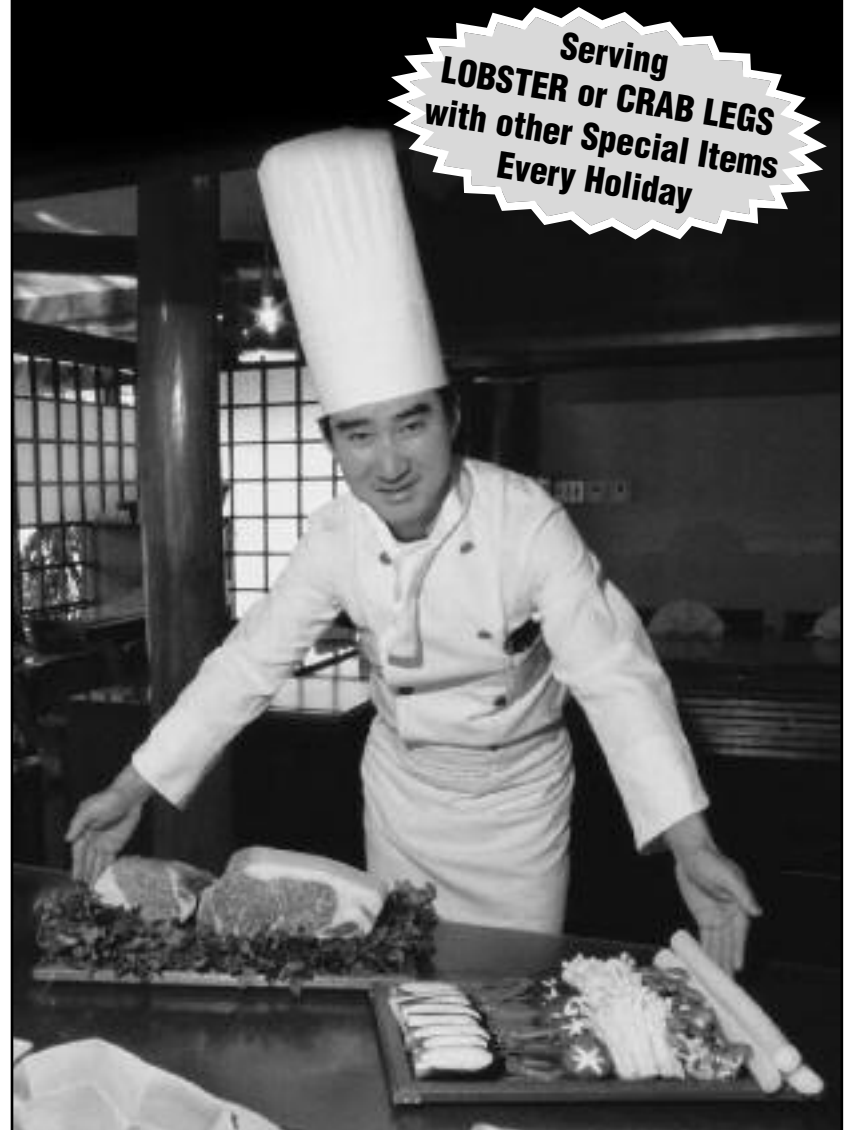
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Public demonstrations will take place on the following dates and in these locations:

- October 2 at the Common Council Meeting at City Hall from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- October 22 at the Chestnut Street Housing Complex on 12 Chestnut St. from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- October 29 at the Summit Free Public Library on 75 Maple St. from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For additional information on the Union County Board of Elections, the new ExpressVote XL machines or to register to vote, go to the Union County website or call 908-527-4123.

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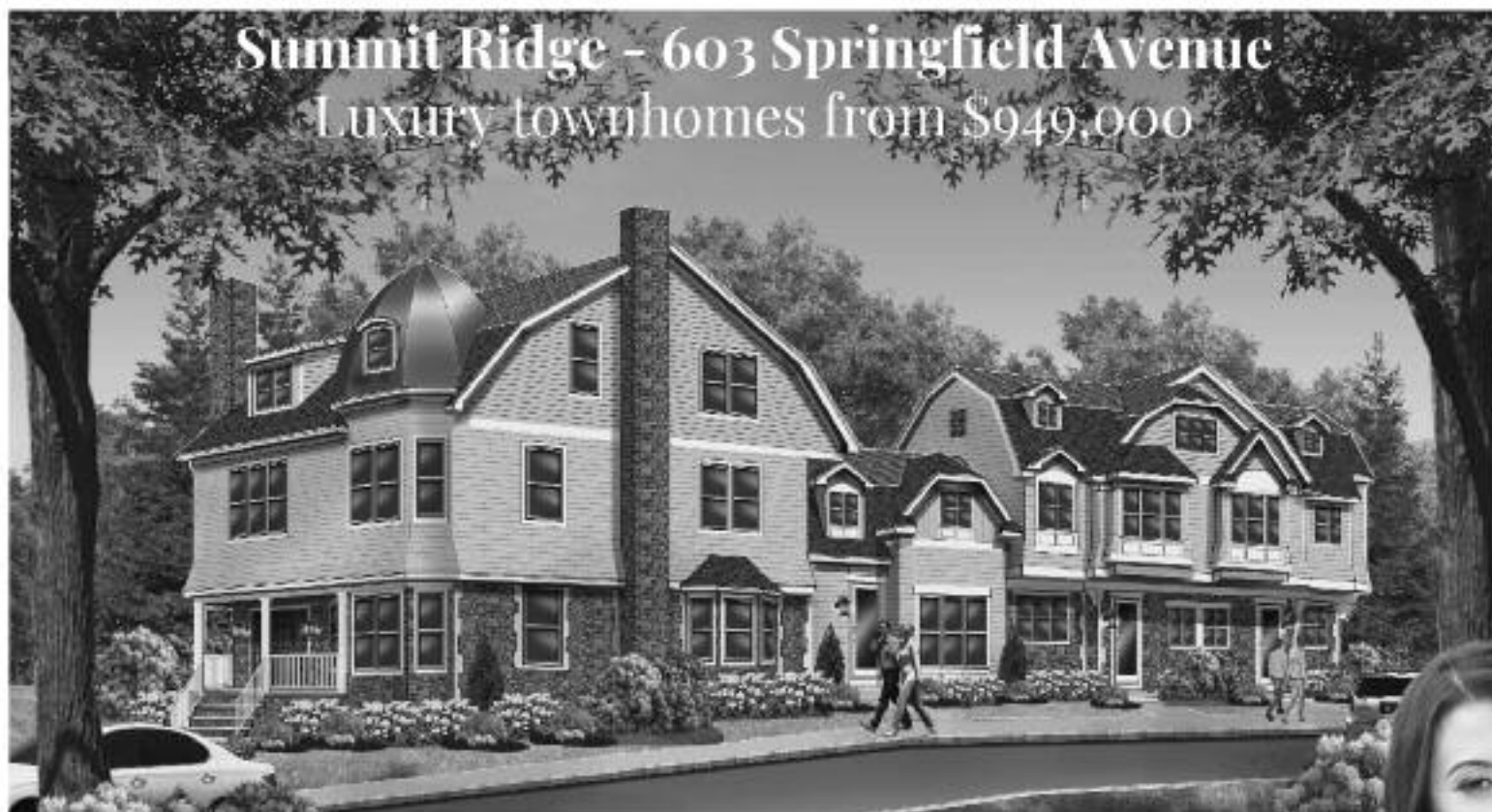
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## JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT ANNOUNCES 2019-2020 LEADERSHIP

*Submitted by Dana Felmet*

The Junior League of Summit (JLS) is proud to announce its leadership teams for the 2019-20 year. The JLS recently underwent a leadership split, which now consists of a Board of Directors and a Management Team. The Board is led by President Erika Melchiorre of Summit, who is serving her second year of a two-year term. Joining Erika is Tara Charvat, President Elect; Tara Gulla, Treasurer; Annel Mitchell, Secretary; Amanda Greenblatt, Sustainer Director; Nicole Castrunovo, Nominating Director, and Kay Hallenbeck, Executive Vice President. Kay Hallenbeck leads the Management Team, which includes Meredith Sachs, Finance Vice President; Tracey Tango, Sustainer Vice President; Stephanie Giblin, Shop Vice President; Andrea Caserta, Community Vice President; Stephanie Wilson, Membership Vice President, and Dana Felmet, Communications Vice President.

"It is an honor and privilege to serve as the President of the Junior League of Summit as we celebrate our 90th year of service to the community," said Erik Melchiorre, Junior League of Summit President. "We have an exciting year planned for our members and the community. I look forward to leading this network of empowered women dedicated to changing their community for the better."

Erika and her family live within Summit. Originally from Indiana, Erika attended DePauw University where she met her future husband, Mark. After DePauw, Erika attended the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago, Illinois. She and her family moved to Summit in 2011 where she transferred into the JLS. Since then, she has served on MAC, 85th Anniversary Gala Chair,

Community Liaison, and Administrative Vice President. In addition to her involvement with the League, Erika is a current Board member at The Connection and a former Board member of the Overlook Auxiliary.

About The Junior League of Summit

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 their communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Notable projects started by the League include: the Summit First Aid Squad; the Summit Speech School; two safe houses in Summit for battered women; the Mabie playground in downtown Summit; Senior Connections (aka Big Wheels), a senior transportation system; and a rain garden at the Jefferson Primary School, where children learn about healthy eating and gardening. The League also operates the Junior League of Summit Thrift Shop, a stalwart Summit shop that offers residents the opportunity to buy highly discounted clothing, accessories, toys and housewares. The Junior League of Summit is always seeking new members of diverse professional and personal backgrounds who are interested in community involvement and would like to develop their personal and professional skills. For more information about membership, please contact [jointhejls@gmail.com](mailto:jointhejls@gmail.com).

For more information about the Junior League of Summit, please visit the website at [jlsummit.org](http://jlsummit.org) or contact the office at 908-273-7349. Those interested in donating to the League, please visit [jlsummit.org/?nd=donate\\_summary](http://jlsummit.org/?nd=donate_summary).



(above) Management Team, Top: Meredith Sachs, Kay Hallenbeck, Tracey Tango; Bottom: Stephanie Wilson, Dana Felmet, Andrea Caserta. (Not pictured: Stephanie Giblin)



(above, l-r) Board of Directors, Top: Tara Gulla, Erika Melchiorre, Kay Hallenbeck, Tara Charvat; Bottom: Amanda Greenblatt, Nicole Castrunovo, Annel Mitchell.



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*Submitted by Amy Cairns*

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Selecting Trees that Thrive – Thursday, October 10. Learn to build a landscape that includes the right trees in the right places, from Vincent Simeone, Director of Planting Fields Arboretum.

Trees And Neighbors – Thursday, October 24. Attorney Rachel Roat discusses laws governing private trees and offers strategies for resolving disputes between neighbors.

The programs will take place at Reeves-Reed

Arboretum, 165 Hobart Avenue Summit, NJ, starting at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for these sessions, but space is limited, and reservations are encouraged. Reserve your spot now at [reeves-reedarboretum.org](http://reeves-reedarboretum.org). This series is presented by the City of Summit's Shade Tree Advisory Committee and Reeves-Reed Arboretum.

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The City of Summit is announcing the return of its extremely popular Summit Free Market event for two consecutive Saturdays, October 12 and 19, 2019, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the City of Summit Transfer Station on 40 New Providence Ave.

The Summit Free Market Committee is a student-run initiative that hosts seasonal events at the Transfer Station where residents are able to bring reusable, yard-sale quality items to share, and take whatever they may want or need at no charge.



"The Summit Free Market is a vital community resource," explains Summit Mayor Nora Radest. "For the past 11 seasons, high school and middle school volunteers have worked together to organize the free market event and find new homes for quality goods that may have otherwise been discarded."

Since its inception in 2008, the Summit Free Market has served more than 5,000 residents and has kept over 130 tons of reusable material from the waste stream.

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(above) Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark will be the guest speaker.

St. Joseph Social Center invites the community to their Annual Fundraising Raffle Dinner to be held on October 17, 2019 at the Westwood in Garwood.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark, will be the event's guest speaker.

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The Thrift Shop is located at 37 Deforest Ave., Summit.

The Junior League of Summit Thrift Shop in Summit was established in 1934 and offers new and gently used clothing and shoes for men, women and children, toys, decorative items for the home, housewares, and furniture that is deeply discounted. It is the primary fundraiser for the Junior League of Summit and has

provided the resources for the League's many grants, projects, programs, and scholarships over the years. Since its inception, the Shop has raised over \$3,000,000 to benefit Summit and surrounding communities.

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# CELEBRATING EMPOWERMENT: 99 YEARS ON A MISSION

Submitted by Shannon Myre

The YWCA Union County announces our Fall Cocktail Reception, Celebrating Empowerment: 99 Years on a Mission. This is our signature event celebrating nearly a century of serving our community and empowering survivors of domestic violence. This event will be held Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Westwood in Garwood and is a major fundraiser for our domestic violence programs.

The 2019 Honorees are Kean University, The Housing Authority of the City of Elizabeth, and Westfield United Fund.

The YWCA's Mission is eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. In 1978, our organization dedicated its mission to an urgent need in our communities – domestic violence. YWCA Union County is on a mission to empower survivors of domestic violence to become safe and free from abuse through comprehensive, client-centered services, and through education, collaboration and advocacy that builds safe, informed and supportive communities.

Domestic violence crosses all barriers of race,

ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender and socioeconomic status and it is a crime that impacts our entire community. It is estimated that 1 in every 3 women and 1 in 7 men will be affected by domestic violence in their life - more than breast cancer, lung cancer, and ovarian cancer combined. The monetary cost of domestic violence in the United States in dollars a year in medical and mental health services, loss of productivity, and loss of paid earnings. An average of 3 women per day in the United States are killed as a result of domestic violence.

The YWCA's Celebrating Empowerment: 99 Years on a Mission will be held during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The program will include delicious food, refreshments, an online silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and much more. Proceeds of the event will benefit the YWCA Union County's Domestic Violence Programs. For more information or tickets, contact Shannon Myre by email at [smyre@ywcaunioncounty.org](mailto:smyre@ywcaunioncounty.org).

If you or anyone you know is experiencing domestic violence, call the 24-Hour Hotline at 908-355-HELP (4357).



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