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SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECOGNIZE RETIREES 2019-2020

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colleagues in so many ways, for so many years, and we are grateful to have had the opportunity to work alongside them.

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(above) Kathleen Lyons, Grade 2 Teacher, Jefferson Elementary School.



(above) JoAnn Mendl, IDEAS Teacher, Lincoln-Hubbard Elementary School.



(above) Mary Doran, Inclusion Aide, Jefferson Elementary School.



(above) Monica Cattano School Nurse, District School Nurse Coordinator, Wilson Primary Center.



(above) Christine Rizzo, Secretary, Central Office.



(above) John Mazza, Custodian, Franklin Elementary



(above) Patricia Walsh, Transition Coordinator, Summit High



(above) Aurora Hermo, Spanish Teacher, Summit High



(above) Ricardo Sanchez, Custodian, Summit High School.



(above) William Sanchez, World Language Teacher, Brayton Elementary School.



(above) Salvatore Errante, Custodian, Summit Public Schools.



(above) Gary Burns, English Language Arts Teacher Grade 8, Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School.



(above) William Hogan, Grade 8 Mathematics Teacher, Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School.

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SILVER SUMMIT SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Summit Common Council recently established a Silver Summit Senior Citizens Advisory Committee with the mission to coordinate, communicate, and deploy volunteers and organizations in an efficient and collaborative way. It will establish a social safety net for Summit senior citizens to help direct senior residents to available resources provided by non-profits and the city, county, state, and federal governments. The committee will encourage communication among organizations to enhance collaboration and to eliminate gaps and duplicative efforts among organizations to ensure the needs of seniors are being met.

“Common Council created the Silver Summit Senior Citizens Advisory Committee to increase awareness of the many resources available to older adults for basic needs such as health care, food, housing and transportation,” explains Council President Marjorie Fox. “Establishing a safety net for senior citizens will ensure that they can live as part of the Summit community as long as possible with independence, dignity and

choice. I look forward to working with committee members to help achieve these goals.”

The Silver Summit Senior Citizens Advisory Committee shall consist of the following members serving a one-year term:

- Mayor
- Two Common Councilmembers
- Two senior citizens from the community-at-large
- Department of Community Programs Director or Designee

It will also include one representative from each of the following organizations:

- GRACE
- Housing Authority
- SAGE Eldercare
- Society Helping our Infirm and Elderly (SHIELD of Summit)
- Summit Area YMCA
- Summit Interfaith Council
- The Connection

For more information on the Silver Summit Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, visit cityofsummit.org.

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SUMMIT RECEIVES PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GRANT FROM NJ DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Summit Police Department and City of Summit Engineering Division has been awarded a pedestrian safety grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation to be used to help reduce pedestrian-related motor vehicle crashes.

Monies from the grant will be applied to enforcement, education and engineering activities in the Central Retail Business District (CRBD) in downtown Summit.

“Pedestrian safety requires a multi-pronged approach that combines smart and inclusive road design, community education, effective enforcement of traffic regulations, and improved

road safety,” explains Summit Police Chief Andrew Bartolotti. “Walking is an important mode of transport for people who visit and work in downtown Summit, and it is our responsibility to continually ensure that transport systems in Summit take all road users into account. This generous grant from the NJ Department of Transportation will allow the Summit Police Department

to improve safety in the downtown for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists.”

For more information on the Summit Police Department and its traffic safety division, go to cityofsummit.org/police.



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On Thursday, August 14, Mayor Nora Radest joined Brett Haire of the Other Fellow First Foundation and Peter Kleinschmidt of Peter Wallburg Studios to present Susan Permahos, Director of the Summit Free Public Library, with a Front Porch Family photo book of professional, socially-distanced photos taken during the

pandemic to raise funds to support several vital community organizations in Summit, NJ.

In an overwhelming show of support, 43 Summit-area families made donations totaling more than \$10,000 for professional portraits by Mr. Kleinschmidt. The photo book will be added to the Summit Free Public Library archives.



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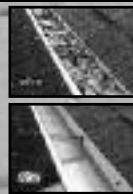
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SHS PLANTING CLUB GROWS AND DONATES FOOD TO SUMMIT FAMILIES



The Summit High School planting club is growing and donating food to Summit families through GRACE, an organization in Summit.

Student leaders Katya, Caroline, andolan have joined their fellow club members at the Summit garden to plant and harvest food weekly

for the GRACE Program, which provides food for families in Summit. Club members head to the garden every other day to water their plot and once a week they work with the coordinator of the Food Pantry Team to harvest the foods that are ready to be donated.



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(above) Summit Downtown, Inc. and the City facilitated the use of parking spaces and the closure of Maple Street to allow for additional table service while restaurants are still unable to open for indoor dining.



CREATING ATMOSPHERE IN DOWNTOWN SUMMIT

Submitted by Nancy Adams

Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) and the City of Summit have once again partnered to help downtown businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic and the challenges it has brought. Working together to help restaurants open to customers, SDI and the City facilitated the use of parking spaces and the closure of Maple Street to allow for additional table service while restaurants are still unable to open for indoor dining.

SDI is additionally excited to announce the purchase and installation of market string lights downtown. Coordinating with City departments in Administration, Engineering, Fire & Police, SDI hired a contractor to install 4,800 feet of LED Thomas Edison style lights along the sidewalks on Beechwood, Union Place and Maple and was also able to install them across Maple Street adding to the downtown ambiance for diners and shoppers alike.

“We felt it was important to do what we could to create an attractive atmosphere downtown in the hopes of attracting shoppers and diners to

support the downtown businesses,” says Bob Conway, SDI Chairperson. “We hope to keep the lights up as long as possible; it makes the downtown feel welcoming and nice to visit and stroll around.”

“We’ve had a very positive response to the lights already,” says Nancy Adams, SDI’s Executive Director. “As the weeks move on and it gets dark earlier, they’ll make people comfortable coming downtown because of the extra light. Just like the Summit community came together with donations during the Sustain Summit campaign, we hope this wonderful community will continue to come downtown to support our local businesses.”

SDI is also bringing back Summit Street Sounds after Labor Day. Because of overwhelming positive feedback from both consumers and businesses, SDI will hire musicians to perform every Thursday evening from 5-8 p.m. at 4-6 locations throughout the downtown every week for 6 weeks. More information to come. To stay abreast of all happenings in downtown Summit, follow SDI on Facebook and Instagram and on their website at summitdowntown.org.

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

(left) Summit Downtown, Inc. hired a contractor to install 4,800 feet of LED Thomas Edison style lights along the sidewalks on Beechwood, Union Place and Maple Street.

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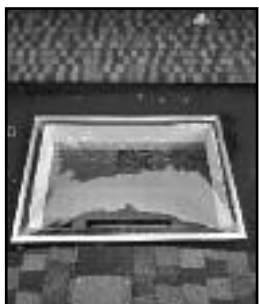
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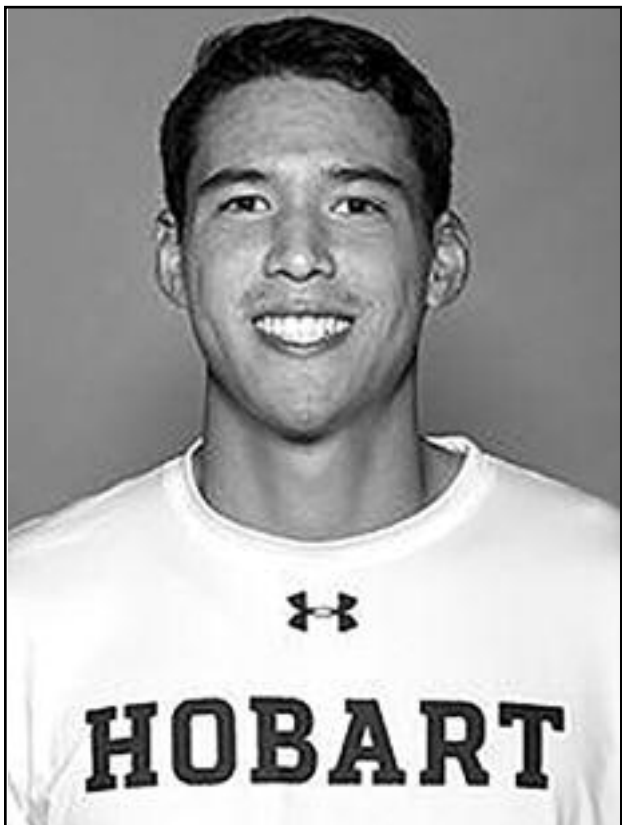
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THOMAS SHUNG OF SUMMIT RECEIVES ITA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE HONORS



(above) Thomas Shung

The Hobart College tennis team was named a 2020 Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-Academic Team and six individual Statesmen were named ITA Scholar-Athletes. Among the ITA Scholar-Athlete winners was Thomas Shung from Summit, NJ.

To earn ITA Scholar-Athlete honors, a student must be a varsity letter winner, have a GPA of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale for the current academic year and have been enrolled in his current institution for at least two semesters.

Shung was a four-year varsity letter winner when he played for Summit High School, and boasted a singles record of 64-30 throughout that time. Shung was also recognized by his teammates when they voted him Team MVP in 2017 and 2018, and junior varsity MVP as a freshman.

Shung has been a member of the Hobart College tennis team since 2018, and in that time has continued to rack up his accolades. In his rookie season, he posted an 11-12 singles record and 11-13 for doubles. The results of that season would lead him to receiving the Rookie Award for Tennis.

During the 2019-2020 season, which was cut short due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Shung advanced to the B flight of a doubles championship match at the SLU Fall Classic. He concluded the season with a 2-3 singles record and 4-3 mark in doubles. Thanks to his efforts both on the court and in the classroom, Shung has not only been recognized as an ITA Scholar Athlete award, but also an Arnold Memorial Scholar-Athlete.

Great job, Thomas and keep up the work!

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Caring Contact is working locally to change the conversation from suicide to suicide prevention, to actions that can promote healing, help and give hope.

“National Suicide Prevention Month is an important time each year to refocus on supporting our loved ones, friends and colleagues who may be struggling emotionally,” said Janet Sarkos, Caring Contact’s Executive Director. “Awareness events, fundraising initiatives and community conversations are all excellent ways to get involved and are key components to ensuring resources are available and accessible for all. Awareness is especially important now as we have seen an increase in calls since the Covid-19 pandemic began in mid-March.”

Caring Contact encourages individuals to embrace the campaign of #BeThe1To. #BeThe1To is the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline’s message for National Suicide Prevention Month and beyond which helps spread the word about actions we can all take to prevent suicide.

Caring Contact is a local, award-winning, volunteer-staffed crisis hotline and listening community serving central and northern New Jersey. As a member agency of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the International Council for Helplines, Caring Contact compassionately serves those in emotional distress and educates local communities about the power of personal connection. In 2019, hotline volunteers responded to nearly 13,000 calls through the caring and crisis line.

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(above) Join Dr. Ian Drake of Montclair University for the miniseries *Landmark Supreme Court Cases throughout History*.



(above) Best-selling author and record 48-time Moth StorySLAM and 6-time GrandSLAM Champion Matthew Dicks returns to the Summit Free Public Library for a new *Storytelling Workshop* on, September 23 at 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER VIRTUAL PROGRAMS AT THE SUMMIT LIBRARY

The Summit Free Public Library is set to continue virtual programming via Zoom this September with a number of popular programs being offered.

Explore Your World: Minicourses for Adults Friday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m.

The library's well-attended Explore Your World: Minicourses for Adults series kicks off the month with the return of Dr. Ian Drake of Montclair University. Drake, a patron favorite, will be presenting *Landmark Supreme Court Cases throughout History*. This six-week minicourse will cover Supreme Court cases that have had a significant impact on society. Each week Drake will discuss the most important decisions that have responded to and shaped American life. From the obscure to the famous (and infamous), this six-week course will highlight the role of the Court in American politics, the economy, and culture. Participants will consider how an institution populated (usually) by nine people with life tenure has shaped American law. Drake will cover how often the Court leads versus follows the politics and culture of the larger society. Finally, he will address the question of whether the Court is, as Hamilton called it, the "least dangerous branch" of the American government.

Storytelling Workshop

Wednesday, September 23 at 7 p.m.

Best-selling author and record 48-time Moth StorySLAM and 6-time GrandSLAM Champion Matthew Dicks returns to the Summit Free Public Library for a new *Storytelling Workshop* on Back by popular demand, the library is pleased that Matthew has agreed to return and present on *What to Say, How to Say It, and When Should I Say It?*

Matthew will dig a little deeper into storytelling, this time discussing the power and utility of surprise, the strategic deployment of

humor, the decisions about what to include and what to leave out, and how to tell those important, enormous, oftentimes unwieldy stories of our lives more effectively. Matthew will also engage attendees in a storytelling game that will help you find and tell your best stories. Open to adults and older teens interested in learning the art of storytelling from an expert!

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Dr. Andrew Appel is Eugene Higgins Professor of Computer Science at Princeton University, and served from 2009-2015 as Chair of Princeton's Computer Science department. His research is in software verification, computer security, programming languages and compilers, and technology policy. He received his A.B. summa cum laude in physics from Princeton in 1981, and his Ph.D. in computer science from Carnegie Mellon University in 1985. He is one of the authors of *Securing the Vote: Protecting American Democracy*, published by The National Academies Press.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization whose mission is to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy.

The public is welcome. If you wish to join our 7:00 p.m. Zoom meeting, please contact us at: lwvbhnp@gmail.com.



(above) Princeton Professor Appel will speak at League of Women Voters meeting on the September 17th

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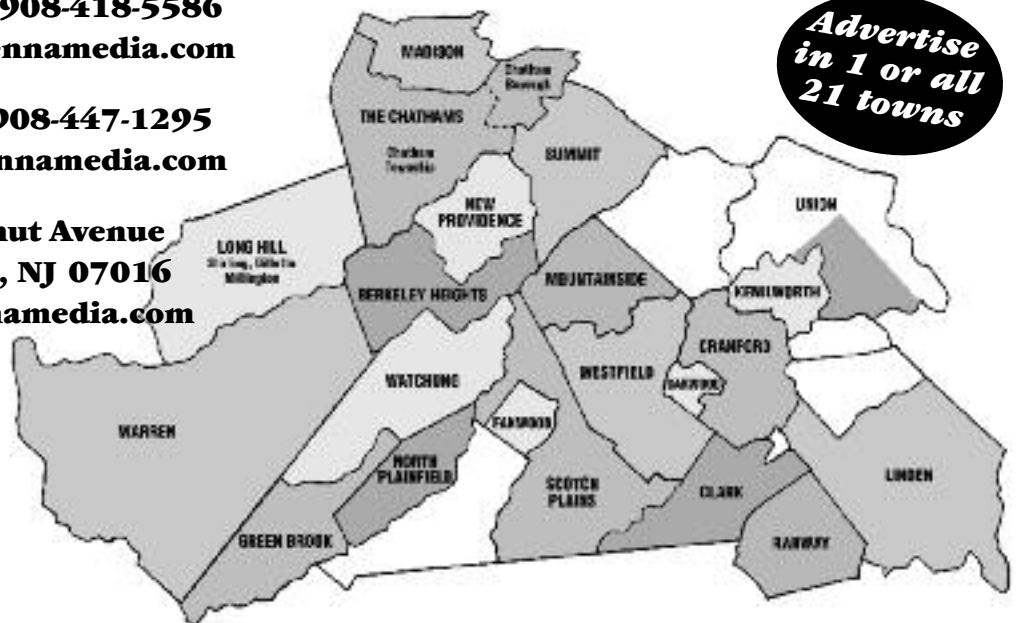
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NICK RENNA'S BIBLE REVIVAL

By Joe Renna

My brother Nick is known as 'The Voice of Union County', best known for announcing high school sports. When I created the Hyper-Local Network YouTube channel, we planned on producing a local sports show. The idea was lingering but went completely dormant when the coronavirus put a halt to school altogether.

Nick is not a technical person so any attempt to broadcast would have to be facilitated by someone. That person came in the form of his pastor, Jerry Rittenhouse, who was impressed by Nick's participation in Bible study sessions and thought Nick should be sharing his knowledge of the Bible, his devotion to Jesus, and his gift of gab.

Nick was not plugged into social media. But his fear of big brother was over taken by his love of God. Pastor Jerry created a Facebook page under Nick's name and has been recording him in an impromptu manner. Pastor Jerry has been uploading a video each day since Nick's birthday on August 4th. His videos have been getting a few thousand views each, and he has maxed out his friends list at 5,000.

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Production:

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