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FLAG OF SUMMIT AWARDED \$171,000

Submitted by Julie Adams

FLAG (Frontline Appreciation Group) of Summit, a COVID-19 response that supports local restaurants and frontline workers, announced it has been awarded \$171,000 from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA). Created by Katie Curran Darcy of Summit in response to the pandemic, FLAG of Summit provides fresh meals to those working on the front lines, while supporting local restaurants struggling with COVID related impacts.

Since March 2020, FLAG of Summit has raised more than \$180,000 from individual donors and corporate sponsors to purchase more than 20,000 meals from local restaurants. Meals are delivered by volunteers to health care workers at Overlook Medical Center and surrounding hospitals. The state grant, one of 27 awarded through NJEDA's Sustain and Serve NJ Program, will double FLAG of Summit's support of local restaurants.

"One of the most heartwarming stories of outreach during the COVID-19 pandemic is how FLAG of Summit helped to connect local restaurants with dedicated frontline medical workers and feed them for free," said Summit Mayor Nora Radest. "I am extremely pleased that this grant will allow FLAG to continue its essential support of our healthcare heroes. The grant is equally wonderful news for restaurant owners and their employees."

Darcy was determined to take action when businesses closed and local hospital staff became overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients. "I started reaching out to people after learning of a similar effort in a neighboring town," Darcy said. "Everyone I contacted was nervous and apprehensive about COVID-19, but they all wanted to contribute. Restaurants that were facing financial hardship still wanted to donate food because they are so invested in our community."

As the economy continues to recover from the pandemic, restaurants and frontline workers are still struggling. FLAG of Summit will use the NJEDA funding to expand meal delivery to local hospital, police, fire, emergency service and vaccination site workers. "COVID numbers have stabilized, but many health care workers are facing pandemic-related fatigue and PTSD. This food is a tangible and sustaining thank you, and a wonderful way to support our restaurants," Darcy said.

Seven restaurants have been approved for the NJEDA funds: Towne Deli, Pizza Vita, Village Trattoria, Sunny Asia, Fiorino Ristorante & Bar, Peppercorn Diner, and FIN Raw Bar and Kitchen. Additional businesses have applied for approval. Businesses interested in participating are



(above, l-r) FLAG business partners Ilir Bitici, co-owner of Fiorino, and Rocco Flores, owner of Pizza Vita

encouraged to contact FLAG of Summit on Facebook.

"We appreciate this grant because it helps FLAG give us and our entire team the opportunity to do what we love with a sense of pride," said Ilir Bitici, co-owner of Fiorino, which has been working with the program since last March. "We can earn while simultaneously contributing."

"When the pandemic first shook our world, Pizza Vita volunteered to donate food to first responders because it was the right thing to do," said Rocco Flores, owner of Pizza Vita, another restaurant that began providing meals when the pandemic started. "We were thrilled to hear from Katie Darcy a couple of weeks later to advise us we would be compensated. It just goes to show you the value of simple acts of kindness."

FLAG of Summit receives fiscal sponsorship from The Summit Foundation, which collects tax deductible contributions on behalf of the organization. FLAG of Summit receives 100% of the donations received. "Katie represents the very best of Summit," said Julie Keenan, president of The Summit Foundation. "She runs FLAG as a volunteer, managing restaurant orders and hospital deliveries out of the back of her minivan."

For more information, contact FLAG of Summit on Facebook. To donate, visit summitforever.org.

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REV. DENISON NAMED 2021 VOL OF THE YEAR

Submitted by Megan Trindell

At the March 2nd Common Council meeting, Mayor Radest and Council members recognized the Reverend Doctor Denison Harrield with an annual Volunteer Award for his decades of dedicated service to the Summit community.

"I am very pleased that the governing body has chosen Reverend Denison Harrield as the recipient of Summit's annual volunteer service award and so thankful for his outstanding work, wise counsel and willingness to participate whenever he is asked," explains Summit Mayor Nora Radest. "Reverend Harrield is a long time resident of Summit and beloved by many residents. I think of him as the conscience of our community."

Reverend Harrield was born in Leesville, LA near the Fort Polk U.S. Army Post, where his father was stationed and his mother was an elementary school teacher. After graduating from Trenton Central High School, he received an academic scholarship to Howard University. He attended graduate school at Brooklyn College and is a graduate of New York Theological Seminary. He received a Doctor of Divinity degree from Livingstone College in Salisbury, NC. Ordained in 1978, Harrield was appointed the Pastor of Wallace Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Summit in 1989.

Before his calling to Christian ministry, he served in the U.S. Air Force as an Intelligence Officer for eight years and spent 18 years as an employee at NY Telephone Co.

Radest continues: "Reverend Harrield has received awards and recognition for his faithful, dedicated visionary and committed church and community leadership and involvement from many organizations. Council members and I are delighted to add this award to all of his other awards."

Reverend Harrield is a decorated community activist and has received awards for his church and community involvement from the Lions Club, American Legion, Boy Scouts of America, and the Council of Churches. He is a former commissioner of the Summit Housing Authority; former trustee of SAGE Eldercare; former Vice-President of the Tri-City NAACP; member of the Board of Directors and former President of the New Jersey Council of Churches; former member of the Overlook Hospital Chaplaincy Service Board; former Summit Police Department Chaplain; former President of the Summit Interfaith Council; former member of S.H.I.P. (Summit Helping Its People) Homeless Ministry; former member of Morris Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors; former Trustee of the Interweave Center for Holistic Living; and a Rotarian.

Reverend Harrield presently serves as a member of the Mayor's Diversity Forum; Summit Affordable Housing Committee; Atlantic Health Care Multi-Faith Council; Shaping Summit Together (SST); Summit Interfaith Council; Overlook Medical Center Palliative Care Advisory Board; and Summit African American Action Association (S4A). In 2004, he wrote a letter to the Summit Superintendent of Schools requesting that the Summit Middle School be named after Lawton C. Johnson, the organist at Wallace Chapel and the office manager at the middle school for 50 years. The school is now known as the Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School.



(above) Reverend Doctor Denison Harrield received the annual Volunteer Award for his decades of dedicated service to the Summit community.





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(above) Crew members in this picture live in Summit, Chatham, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and Millburn.

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SAGE'S MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM DELIVERS RECORD NUMBER OF MEALS DURING COVID-19

Submitted by Cindy Potters

As the pandemic forced businesses and services to close in 2020, the demand for SAGE's Meals on Wheels kept increasing. By the end of the year, the nonprofit delivered a record breaking 50,000 meals, an increase of 7,000 over the previous year. Family members who were unable to visit and offer support to their older adult relatives called on Meals on Wheels for help. The meal service became an increasingly important resource for food and a means for having someone check in on loved ones.

According to Marianne Kranz, Director of Meals on Wheels, she, her staff and many volunteers continued to go to the SAGE building at 290 Broad Street in Summit every day during the pandemic to pack and deliver meals. Community organizations and area residents pitched in by donating what was needed. Along with frozen meals and nonperishable food items,

(left) Meals on Wheels Coordinator, Robin Handwerger sorts through donations from community organizations and area residents made during COVID-19. If you are in need of Meals on Wheels or would like to make a donation, please call 908-273-5554. people dropped off toilet paper and paper towels, masks, baked goods and made monetary donations. "Our goal was to provide our clients with extra food so they wouldn't have to worry about leaving the house to get to a grocery store," said Kranz. "There were also people coming home from the hospital alone, scared and food insecure."

Meals on Wheels was there to help and continues to be a vital support to those in the community who need it. The average age of someone receiving meals is 83. Half of these clients live alone and 65% rarely see anyone other than the volunteer who brings them their meal.

If you or a family member is in need of meal assistance, call 908-273-5554. Meals on Wheels delivers to: Berkeley Heights, Chatham, New Providence, Millburn/ Short Hills, Mountainside, Summit and Springfield.

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THE SUMMIT FOUNDATION AWARDS BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS WITH FUNDS

Submitted by Lisa Sepetjian

Boys and Girls Clubs of Union County is pleased to announce the award of \$20,000 from The Summit Foundation to support our Virtual Learning Program. As parents/guardians return to work, students need a safe place for guided learning instruction. Most of the school districts in Union County are virtual since September and will likely continue throughout the entire school year. Students from districts in Union County are welcome to attend.

Our Virtual Learning Program provides guided virtual classroom instruction to those youth in Union County in need of a safe place during school time, Monday - Friday. In the current COVID-19 environment, youth need a space for virtual classes that meets CDC guidelines for sanitizing and social distancing. Most of the



school districts we serve have moved to a virtual classroom. Many families find themselves in need of a safe place for children to learn during the school day with high speed internet. Our Clubs in Union, Plainfield and Elizabeth have been completely reimagined and transformed to provide socially distant, individual learning modules for youth in need and to support working families. Professional Staff provides education enhancement and guidance during class sessions. Support from The Summit Foundation has made this transformation and program possible. Space is available for students. Please contact your local site for information. Union: 908-687-2697; Plainfield: 908-822-8672; Elizabeth: 908-351-3344.

"We are excited to meet the current needs of the communities we serve and offer this new Virtual Learning Program", said Russell Triolo, CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County. "COVID-19 has changed how students learn and attend school; we are grateful to The Summit Foundation for their support, which allows us to provide programming to benefit our Clubs and youth in Union County".

"Virtual School" and After- School programs are now open for our Union, Elizabeth, and Plainfield Clubs. Contact us at 908-687-2697 for information and registration. Aquatics, stroke development, and water safety instruction is

available at our Union Club. Teen Leadership Club programs are available in Plainfield, Elizabeth, and Union. Teen members participate in character, leadership, career preparation and community service activities throughout the year. THE SUMMIT FOUNDATION

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF UNION COUNTY

Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County seek to inspire and enable young people, who need them most, to realize their full potential and have provided opportunity for youth since 1955. They are part of a national network of some 4,000 neighborhood-based facilities, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, which serves more than 4.6 million young people annually, in all 50 states and on U.S. military bases worldwide. Clubs provide guidance-oriented character development programs on a daily basis for children 6-18 years old, conducted by a full-time professional staff. Key Boys & Girls Club programs emphasize leadership development, education and career exploration, financial literacy, health and life skills, the arts, sports, fitness and recreation. and family outreach.





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THE SUMMIT FOUNDATION DONATES \$50,000 TO SUMMIT SPEECH SCHOOL

Submitted by Katherine Abbott

Summit Speech School is pleased to announce that The Summit Foundation has renewed its \$50,000 grant for Summit Speech School's Early Intervention Program, the Parent-Infant Program, which provides critical services to Summit area families whose babies are diagnosed with hearing loss. The program provides evaluations, home-based intervention and parent coaching using Listening and Spoken Language.

"We appreciate the Foundation's generous funding and long standing support of our School's youngest students," said Mary Baumont, Executive Director of Summit Speech School. This essential program seeks charitable funding for approximately half its budget. Thanks to generous donors like The Summit Foundation, Summit Speech School can offer the highest quality therapeutic services to babies and toddlers with hearing loss, coach family members using key language learning techniques at home, and help parents navigate medical and educational options. The result is that most of the approximately 100 babies and toddlers with hearing loss who are enrolled each year in the program go on to attend mainstream schools by preschool or kindergarten.

Summit Speech School was founded on the

(above) Summit Speech School's Teachers of the Deaf use many tools, including books, to teach Listening and Spoken Language to students with hearing loss, like Bryan above.



grounds of Overlook Hospital 54 years ago as NJ's first "speech" school for deaf children in the era when hearing aids were becoming widely available. The School remains on the leading edge of understanding hearing technology-such as cochlear implants, digital hearing aids, and bone-anchored hearing aids-and the Listening and Spoken Language approach to deaf education.

"When a child is first diagnosed, most parents are overwhelmed. Our professionals help them find their way," says Nancy Schumann, CCC-SLP, LSLS cert. AVT, Coordinator of the Parent Infant Program. "We work hard to serve as a beacon of hope and expertise for families with children who have hearing loss." Summit Speech School offers Listening and Spoken Language programs for deaf and hard of hearing children through high school, and its graduates self-report as successful in mainstream school academics, their social lives and eventual careers.

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(above) Jevanah has fun playing with shaving cream and exploring words for flow and texture.

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LOCAL MASTERS SWIMMERS CELEBRATE 17TH ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by Barbara Rushman A group of Masters Swimmers from Madison and the surrounding areas have had the privilege of swimming together for many years at Drew University, the Madison YMCA, Madison Community Pool, the Summit YMCA and other close by locations.

Traditionally, the group tracks monthly swim yardage on a user friendly website. Because the pandemic limited the group's ability to swim regularly this year, tracking of yardage was temporarily suspended in March, and resumed in June on strictly a voluntary basis. After resumption, the monthly ranking of yards by swimmer was not published as it had been in the past, so that none of our swimmers would feel any pressure to track during this unusual year. For the first time ever, we elected not to award "Yardsticks" to swimmers at our traditional awards breakfast based on their annual yardage achievements.

But we were determined to connect with each other as a group as we do every year. So the Masters Yardstick Swimmers celebrated the group's history, strong personal relationships, and love of swimming recently at its 17th anniversary annual awards breakfast on January 9th, online for the first time ever, with record participation. Hosted by longtime swimmers Bob Nissen, Joe Donohue, and Richard Clew, the agenda of the Virtual Event picked up on highlights and photos of our past live events (thanks to group historian such a way that all active members could relate to and enjoy.

One of the highlights of our past breakfasts has been an endless breakfast buffet that we all have enjoyed, with many of our swimmers preparing and bringing their own secret family specialty casseroles, deviled eggs, coffee cakes, bread puddings, and sticky buns. Since it was impossible for all of us to be together, the food selections were cleverly recreated on a virtual buffet table, visually introduced one by one thanks to swimmers submitting their suggested recipes. The buffet table was filled and was "virtually consistent" with the actual one at our past events, and provided us all "food for thought" as we envisioned how good each item would be, and perhaps determining a way to recreate those favorites in our own kitchen. Not quite the real thing, but as close as you can get in the current environment. It provided an opportunity to be thankful for all of our good times in the past, and anticipated future events when we can be together and each enjoy the buffet again.

At our virtual breakfast, we also asked swimmers to submit their idea of a perfect swim in the future, when we would expect to have less restrictions than under our existing situation. Swimmers dreamed of future indoor and outdoor swims with the freedom to spend the time we wanted in swimming with our fellow swimmers,

Barbara Rushman) and brought us together in friends, and families, and optimizing our yards once again. And one dream to reality we witnessed was a picture of the new Madison YMCA pool, which is expected to be completed by the end of June, 2021. This beautiful new eight-lane modern pool will be a welcome venue for many of us who swim in the area.

Finally, we did provide a virtual ranking of all of our swimmers in yardage "clusters", starting with 1-100,000 yards, and progressive 100,000 yard clusters beyond these (thanks to our web site coordinator Barry Lass). All sixty of our swimmers fell into one of nine clusters, and were alphabetically listed to eliminate any specific ranking within a cluster. The one person in our highest cluster was Jennifer Bauman of Parsippany, achieving an annual yardage level within the 800,000-900,000 range.

At the end of the event, we took a group picture on Zoom - a screen shot - which provided yet another opportunity to connect with each other in this special way. We all had a great time and were so happy to connect online with our "swim buddies" once again.

We will continue our optional tracking for now, and we are convinced that our program will evolve and grow again over time. Most importantly, we look forward to the day when we can all say without hesitation "see you at the pool".

For more information please contact Bob Nissen at bobnissen@gmail.com.



(above) The Masters Swimmers from Madison and the surrounding area gathered virtually for a Zoom brunch to celebrate 17 years of the organization.







FAITH LUTHERAN, NOT A BUILDING, BUT PERSONS HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Submitted by Larry Holt

Since the surge of the pandemic in March 2020, Faith Lutheran in New Providence has again demonstrated that it is not a church building but a servant community. Because of the contagion of COVID 19, social ministry programs have not been able to occur physically. Nonetheless, the members of Faith have overcome obstacles and continued to conduct their ministries.

Managing this persistent and tenacious initiative is Faith's pastor, Rev. Jane McCready.

The following describes the ministries, adjustments that have been required and the names of Faith's members who lead the ministries.

ST. JOHN'S SOUP KITCHEN IN NEWARK

Since March 2020; members, co-workers and friends of Faith have prepared over 36,000 sandwiches for the homeless persons served by St. John's. The sandwiches, an average of 775 per week, are delivered by Faith each Thursday



(above) Tony of St. John's Soup Kitchen and Rev. Jane McCready with delivery of 800 sandwiches and other items.



morning to St. John's. Included with this delivery are fresh fruit, baked goods, snacks and toiletries. Prior to the pandemic, on the second Saturday of every month, for the past thirty-six years, Faith has prepared and served a comprehensive hot meal to the clients of St. John's.

This ministry is led by Joanne and Mike Warin of New Providence and Désirée Bouchat of Springfield.

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise is an organization of churches which hosts families and individuals who are temporarily homeless, with each church providing care for a week at a time. Faith has participated in this program about four times a year for the past three decades. The ministry changed dramatically with COVID 19. In place of hosting, Faith has made generous financial gifts, given three pre-owned cars, grocery store gift cards and clothing to Family Promise, for the people it serves.

This program is led by Kim Delatour of Berkeley Heights.

BROADWAY HOUSE FOR CONTINUING CARE

Broadway House for Continuing Care is a facility in Newark where about eighty persons suffering from HIV/AIDS live. The patients receive care from doctors, nurses, therapists and counselors. Twice a month, a small group from Faith have gone to Broadway House to do crafts and visit with the residents. In response to COVID 19, Broadway House was closed to visitors.

Wendy Naratil of Warren, the leader of the ministry, continues to send to each resident a 3D or music birthday card from Faith. Broadway House says Mrs. Naratil's card is often the only birthday greeting that a resident receives.

NEW PROVIDENCE FALL FOOD DRIVE

Each November, Faith partners with the New Providence Community Service Association (CSA) and the New Providence Cub and Boy Scouts to collect food for needy families. The food is donated to Star Fish Pantry in Plainfield and the CSA. A major part of the Drive is about 130 people gathering on a Saturday in November to sort and pack the food. This collection of close working people could not occur in November 2020.

To substitute, members of Faith generously gave checks and gift cards to Starfish Pantry and CSA.

The chairperson for Faith is Cheryl Bock of Summit.

CROP WALK TO STOP HUNGER

The CROP Walk to Stop Hunger is a three mile walk through New Providence on a fall Sunday afternoon by members of Faith and other local churches. The purpose of the Walk is to raise money to help eradicate hunger in the United States and around the world. The members of the churches walk as a group, with many carrying signs to publicize this social issue.

In the fall of 2020, a group walk of about 100 persons could not occur. Mike Warin of Faith and New Providence, the chairperson planned and managed a group walk. Participants could choose the time, route and length of their walks. The

virtual walkers achieved \$3,120 in contributions toward the reduction of hunger.

SHARING TREE

Through this ministry, members of Faith buy Christmas gifts for persons who live in social agency homes or face economic stress. COVID 19 changed past procedures. While the Sharing Tree was virtual, the gifts for recipients were real. They could choose from a warm hat/scarf/gloves set or a cozy sweatshirt sized to fit.

The leader of the Sharing Tree ministry is Joanne Berryman of Madison.

KNIT, PURL AND PRAY GROUP

The members faced a new experience in 2020. They were unable to meet together and share fellowship while doing their knitting and crocheting. Nevertheless, the group, working individually at home, made 110 hats and scarves for St. John's Soup Kitchen, 337 baby hats for University Hospital in Newark, 60 hats and scarves for St. Stephen's Grace Church in Newark, whose members are largely immigrants, five prayer shawls and four comfort hearts.

The group is led by Theresa Adamson of Warren and Joyce Brandt of Sterling.

PREVIOUSLY OWNED BIKES

In August of 2020, Faith collected 170 used bikes, repaired them and arranged for their shipment to rural Thailand. The bikes are being used by persons to travel to work, go to market and receive medical care. The bikes were collected on behalf of Pedals for Progress, an organization that recycles bikes for persons in developing countries. Faith contributed \$1,700 for the shipment of the bikes.

Casey Walsh of Bridgewater is the leader of the ministry.

TUTORING IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

Once a month about fifteen members of Faith have been tutoring Guatemalan children in English and math at St. Stephan's Grace Church in the Ironbound section of Newark. The members work with adults as well who want to improve their English. At the end of the tutoring, the entire group always plays bingo.

March 2020 changed everything. While members of Faith could no longer go to Newark to teach the children, Faith did not forget them. Faith gave a check to Pastor Moacir of St. Stephan's Grace to help the immigrant children and their families buy food. At Christmas, the tutors gave thirty-seven sweatshirts to the children and their fathers and money for food. The above mentioned, Knit, Purl and Pray group, made hats and scarf sets for the children and their fathers.

Kim Delatour of Berkeley Heights is the leader of the tutoring program.

Each Sunday morning, Faith's 10 a.m., liturgical service, led by Pastor Jane McCready, can be seen at facebook.com/FaithLutheranNewProvidence/live The two associate pastors of Faith are Rev. Robert Kriesat of Convent Station and Rev. Lucas Vaga of Millington.

Faith is located at 524 South Street in New Providence. Visit online at famfaith.org or reach by phone at 908-464-5177.





and loved ones

"MAKE A SENIOR SMILE" PROGRAM FOR SAGE INITIATED BY 16 YEAR-OLD

Submitted by Cindy Potters

Rowan Carpenter remembers the moment he decided to do something nice to help older adults during COVID-19. The 16-year-old Summit resident was on a Zoom call with parents, fellow students and guidance counselors at his school, Union County Vocational – Technical, discussing the challenges of remote learning. Rowan agreed with his peers as they spoke openly about feeling isolated and disconnected. "We call it virtually isolated," he said.

This got him thinking about older adults and how they're feeling during the pandemic. Especially those living alone. He knew he wanted to help. Years ago, his great grandfather delivered Meals on Wheels and more recently, his father, Brian did as well. This gave Rowan the idea of connecting with SAGE to do something for the nonprofit's Meals-on-Wheels clients.

He knew to be successful he needed help so he came up with the idea of collecting items from local residents to create gift bags that he would help hand deliver. He made flyers and his father created a Facebook page "Make a Senior Smile" where he shared the flyer with different groups who then shared it with their friends. The community response was amazing. The Carpenters put a donation box outside their front door and immediately it filled up again and again. People donated blankets, kitchen towels, soaps, socks, mugs and much more. "I wanted the clients, who aren't able to get out, to know they are not alone," Rowan said. "I wanted them to know people care."

Amy Stuart, SAGE's volunteer coordinator, said she was awed by Rowan's commitment to making this happen and orchestrating it so beautifully. "Rowan's act of kindness is just overwhelming and the impact he made on these people is really remarkable."

Rowan estimates that with the help of his mother, Michelle Miller they were able to put together 100 plus bags. He recently went out with a Meals-on-Wheels volunteer and delivered bags to a number of very surprised clients. "Everyone was so appreciative, you could tell it meant so much to them," he said. Asked how he felt doing something so kind and thoughtful, he answered, "Thank you (SAGE) for giving me the opportunity."

For additional ways to support SAGE, visit their website sageeldercare.org.



(above) Sixteen year old Rowan Carpenter of Summit delivers gift bags to SAGE's Meals-on-Wheels clients. He created 100 plus bags from community donations. He came up with the idea after fellow students talked about the isolation they are experiencing because of remote learning. It made him think about older adults living alone and how they must be feeling during COVID-19.



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GO ONLINE FOR OVERNIGHT PARKING REQUESTS

As of Monday, March 1, 2021, Summit residents and their visitors may request permission online from the Summit Police Department for overnight on-street parking. Those without internet access may call the Summit Police Department non-emergency number at 908-273-0051 to request permission. The overnight on-street parking tool is hosted by Frontline Public Safety Solutions. The portal can be accessed at frontlinepss.com/summitnj and is available for use by Summit residents on any device with internet access.

By municipal ordinance, overnight, on-street parking rules in Summit are as follows:

• No vehicle shall be parked on any street

during any night of the year between the hours

of 2:30 a.m. and 5 a.m.

- No overnight parking is allowed on any street in Summit when there is a forecast of snow.
- If residents need to park a vehicle on the street overnight, permission must be requested through the online portal or by calling the Summit Police Department non-emergency number, 908-273-0051. Requests must be received prior to 2 a.m. and any requests made after 2 a.m. may be subject to a parking citation.
- Overnight parking permission may not be granted during certain weather events and states of emergency. Please contact the Summit Police Department at 908-273-0051 or visit the city website with any questions.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

The City of Summit Police Department is seeking applicants for the position of School Crossing Guard to work at crossing posts near Summit public schools. There are multiple openings for the position.

Crossing guards will work two shifts per day from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session during the COVID-19 pandemic. When the district returns to a normal schedule, the afternoon shift will be from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Uniforms and training will be provided by the Summit Police Department. Crossing guards must wear a face covering at all times while in close proximity to others.

School crossing guards are paid \$34 per day. An incentive bonus of three full days of pay is given to those with perfect attendance records for the school year. In the event of a snow day for Summit public schools, crossing guards will be paid provided they work the day before and after the snow day.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and provide their own transportation to crossing 5, 2021 and will continue through Friday, April posts. Applications are available on the city website and at the Summit Police Department located at 512 Springfield Avenue, and may be submitted in person or online.

Please contact the Summit Police Department at 908-273-0051 with any questions.

OUTDOOR DINING ON MAPLE STREET

The Summit Common Council approved the closure of Maple Street in downtown Summit for a second season of outdoor dining. Sections of Maple Street included in the closure are between Deforest Avenue and Springfield Avenue, and between Springfield Avenue and Union Place. Alleys will remain open for deliveries and access to the Tier parking garage and adjacent businesses will be provided.



LEAF COLLECTION BEGINS APRIL 5

Curbside leaf collection begins Monday, April 23, 2021. Leaves are collected on household trash collection days. Leaves should be placed in paper, biodegradable bags at the curb. Twigs, branches, and other yard debris should not be included in leaf bags. Property owners should not rake or blow leaves into piles in the street.



*Some expiration dates apply so don't delay

AROUND THE GLOBE AND AT HOME WITH THE SUMMIT LIBRARY

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Learn About the Garden State

Friday, April 9 from 2-4 p.m. Join Michael Aaron Rockland, Professor Emeritus at Rutgers University for a 6-week class on Jerseyana—and learn everything you never knew about our beloved Garden State! What do you know about your home state? This six-week course will offer a taste of everything New Jersey from the disputed state borders to the relentless Jersey joke. The term Jerseyana derives from "Americana" but with a focus on New Jersey and operates under the assumption

that New Jersey has a culture all its own! Strength Training for Seniors

Monday, April 12 from 11-11:30 a.m. Join Leena Kalle, Certified Senior Strength Training Instructor, for a 3-week series of 30minute classes designed to help seniors increase muscle tone, flexibility, balance, strength, and endurance using easy-to-follow movements.

The program will be live on Zoom.

JACK LEOPOLD ROSSEN



Jack Leopold Rossen (Yankel ben Gedalia v Breindel), 91, died on Thurs., March 25, 2021. Born in Detroit, MI, Jack lived in Short Hills, NJ for 30 years before moving to Springfield, NJ six years ago. He

received a Bachelor's in Mathematics and Master's in Biochemistry from George Washington University, a Master's degree from Columbia University in Chemical Engineering, and a Ph.D. in Food Science from Rutgers University. He worked as director of R&D Engineering for Kraft Foods from 1975 to 1985 and then as Professor and Associate Director of CAFT at Rutgers. He was an active member and choir member of Temple Sinai in Summit, and enjoyed restoring furniture. His greatest passions were for his family, for his singing, and for his vision of a society based on respect by all and for all. He believed in a Judaism that embodied this vision.

Beloved husband of Selma for 66 years, loving father of Michael Rossen (Kate Troast), Deborah Rossen-Knill (the late David Knill, partner Larry Oheron), and Barry Rossen (Lisa), devoted grandfather of Elena and Julia Rossen, Ari and Josh Knill, and Alex and Anna Rossen, cherished brother of Rita Goldman (the late Marvin), Geri Rossen (the late Jim Goldner) and Judy Dworkin (Don), and special brother-in-law to Edith Shapiro (the late Harris and Sol).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jack's memory to a charity of your choice.

The Future of Persian Gulf Security

On Tuesday, April 13 from 7-8 p.m. Dr. Eric Bordenkircher will present The Future of Persian Gulf Security. The Biden administration is seeking to re-enter the Iran nuclear deal and reset relations with Persian Gulf countries. These policies are a sharp contrast from the policies of the Trump administration. Dr. Bordenkircher will discuss the Biden administration's policies in detail, the challenges of implementing these policies, relations with regional allies, and their ramifications on the future of Persian Gulf Security.

Book Talk with Debbie

Thursday, April 15 from 11-12 p.m. Librarian Debbie Abrams returns for her next Book Talk with Debbie. With so many new books, find out what is hot, what to skip, and, if you would like, share what you are reading and let the group know if it is a thumbs-up or a

thumbs-down!

Plan Your Backyard Garden

Monday, April 19 from 7-8 p.m. Attend Plan Your Backyard Garden with gardening expert Tony Bracco and learn how to site your garden, prepare your soil (including fertilizing and watering), best crops to grow—

including vegetables, herbs, annuals and perennials, tools to use and where to find them. Investing for Women:

Why and How to Get Started

Tuesday, April 20 from 7-8 p.m. Brian Cody will present on Investing for Women: Why and How to Get Started. Brian will present on behalf of the Society for Financial Awareness, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate and empower citizens to help design their financial future. Brian specializes in all phases of financial planning with an emphasis on retirement planning for small businesses and individuals. **How to Make**

a 6-pocket Treat and Teabag Holder

Wednesday, April 21 from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Crafting enthusiast Marge Barkan returns to show you how to make a 6-pocket Treat and

Teabag Holder. This will be a Facebook Premier video. The first twelve people who sign up will receive supply kits. These can be given

as Mother's Day or teacher's gifts.

Great Decisions series class

Wednesday, April 21 from 7-9 p.m. Join Jack Horan as he moderates our next Great Decisions series class on Persian Gulf Security Issues. The Persian Gulf remains tense as the rivalry between the regional powers of Saudi Arabia and Iran continues. Tensions escalated in early 2020 as the United States began to

intervene in the Gulf, launching an airstrike that killed two Iranian military commanders. What are the historical influences that have led to these tensions?

Mental Fitness for Entrepreneurs & Small Business people

Thursday, April 22 from 7-8 p.m. Jen Milnes will present Mental Fitness for Entrepreneurs & Small Business people: Build a Mindset Ready for the Constant Change in

Today's World. Drawn from the work of Shirzad Chamine's Positive Intelligence (PQ) Mental Fitness program, you will learn about the framework used to strengthen your mental muscles for: quicker recovery from negative situations, improved responses to unexpected challenges, better relationships both personally and professionally, increased productivity and

enhanced performance, ability to handle conflicts in ways that deepen trust and harmony, and greater bandwidth to avoid burnout from a

career you absolutely love. **Nature's Best Hope**

Monday, April 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. Dr. Doug Tallamy will present Nature's Best Hope. Recent headlines about global insect declines and three billion fewer birds in North America are a bleak reality check about how ineffective our current landscape designs have been at sustaining the plants and animals that sustain us. Such losses are not an option if we wish to continue our current standard of living on Planet Earth. The good news is that none of

this is inevitable. Dr. Tallamy will discuss simple steps that each of us can- and must- take to reverse declining biodiversity and will explain why we, ourselves, are nature's best hope. The talk will be followed by a Q&A session. This program is co-sponsored by Summit Environmental Commission, the Summit Area GreenFaith Circle, and the

Summit Free Public Library.

Do It Yourself Public Relations Tuesday, April 27 from 7-8 p.m

Join Andrea Samacicia Mullan for Do It Yourself Public Relations. This workshop will teach you the basics of P.R. so you can implement it yourself, learn how to craft a persuasive pitch, and know which social media

platforms are best for you and your business. Ideal for entrepreneurs and small business

owners. Andrea is a Summit resident and owner of her own public relations firm.

Spilt Milk Book Discussion

Thursday, April 29 from 7-8 p.m. Dr. Courtney Zoffness, who leads the Creative Writing program at Drew University will lead a discussion of her new book, Spilt Milk. In her literary debut, Courtney considers what we inherit from generations past biologically, culturally, spiritually and what we pass on to our children. Courtney relives her childhood anxiety disorder as she witnesses it manifest in her firstborn; endures brazen sexual advances

by a student in her class; grapples with the implications of her young son's cop obsession; and challenges her Jewish faith.

KELLER WILLIAMS

ST. TERESA OF AVILA AIDS SQUAD

Submitted by John Staunton

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors" has been the slogan used by the Summit First Aid Squad for over 50 years. Thanks to generous members of the community, including St Teresa of Avila Parish in Summit, that works both ways. Monsignor Robert Meyer, known as Father Bob, Pastor at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, recently offered a donation on behalf of the Parish to the First Aid Squad to thank them for all they've done for Summit during the past year.

St. Teresa of Avila encourages all Summit residents to consider donating to the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad to thank them for their hard work and dedication to our community within the last year.

Serving Summit since 1962, the all-volunteer First Aid Squad responds to emergency calls 24/7, is entirely funded through private donations and does not bill for service. The Squad is always

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SUMMIT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The Summit Educational Foundation (SEF) will hold its annual fundraiser, Spring For Excellence on Friday, April 30. Each year, one of Summit's schools takes a turn hosting the foundation's largest fundraiser, and this year it's Lincoln-Hubbard Elementary School. Abby Horev and Jennifer Salzman are co-chairing Spring For Excellence 2021 with the help of 10 committee members. This year's event will be held virtually, with a live presentation by the SEF executive board, followed by a silent auction.

Formed in 1986, SEF has awarded nearly \$8M in grants to Summit's nine public schools. In 2020, SEF purchased Chromebooks for every 1st and 2nd grade child, in addition to microphones for every teacher who requested one. Historically, SEF's grants have provided alternative seating, musical instruments, smart boards, software

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programs and much more.

While the foundation is unable to host a live event this year, lawn signs are being sold in lieu of a ticket to the virtual event. These lawn signs help to promote the event and show support for the wonderful and meaningful work SEF does. Spring For Excellence 2021 is also focusing on "Celebrating Education" by releasing videos from each of the nine schools which highlight specific grants that have been awarded in the last three years. Keep an eye out for these entertaining and educational videos on the websites listed below in addition to social media.

Please consider buying a lawn sign or making a donation to Spring For Excellence by visiting SEF2021.givesmart.com. To learn more about SEF and the grants the foundation has awarded to Summit Public Schools, visit SEFNJ.org.







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CELEBRITY PERSONAL TRAINER SHUTS OWN HIS ATHLETE TRAINING BUSINESS

From 2003-2007, San Diego Personal trainer Vince Gabriele filled his schedule with dozens of NFL superstars...some of them hall of famers.

In 2008 he moved to New Jersey and gave up all the glory and perks of training celebrities to focus on a different group...Kids between the ages of 6-18...who needed Gabriele's skills much more than his pro athletes did

Over the past 13 years, his Berkeley Heights gym(Gabriele Fitness) has worked with thousands of youth athletes between the ages of 6-18...creating hundreds of life changing transformations.

But when the pandemic struck in March of 2020, the sports performance program at Gabriele Fitness was hit hard. They tried to move it on-line but had little success.

Since Covid-19 was too much they decided to put the program on the back burner.

It's been close to a year since they shut the sports performance program down, but a huge announcement was recently made.

The Huge Announcement

Founder, Vince Gabriele, announced they are bringing the sports performance program back and have been behind the scenes working on a full-fledged re-brand.

The new program will be called Grit Athlete Performance. It will serve local youth athletes ages 6-18 who want to perform better at their respective sports.

to bring the program back and his answer was very response was overwhelming. inspiring.

The Story That Ignited the Fire

Gabriele was sitting at his normal table at the Prestige Diner when a young man in his 20's came up to him, looked him in the eye and shook his hand.

The young man was a student in their Sports Performance program close to a decade ago. He went on to tell Gabriele how much he had learned and still uses the nutrition, fitness and life lessons today. He entered the program as a slow, shy and awkward kid but transformed himself into a strong, confident healthy adult. "This was the moment", Gabriele said.

A Hand-Selected Team of Trainers

Gabriele went out and hand-picked a brand-new team to transform this into the premier sports performance training program in the area.

The full-time job of this new team will to be to help athletes ages 6-18 get strong, fast and confident so they can build a bigger and better future.

Grit Athlete Performance will help kids get stronger and faster so they can perform better at their sports. The true goal is bigger than that and goes beyond their athletic career.

That'll be the take home message for this new program. Grit has 3 programs that serve the following age groups: • 6-8 years old • 9-13 years old• 14+

A viral launch

Gabriele recently put a message out to his local list and Founder, Vince Gabriele, was asked why he decided on the community forum sites with the announcement. The

They have filled 46 spots in the first run and will only be accepting 4 more athletes in the Spring Program.

How to Register for one of the final 4 spots

If you have a child that is in these age groups and have interest in signing your child up for their April 9th-June 15th program, please visit:

www.GRITATHLETES.com

Or call 908-464-4441 to see if any spots are left

Summer Program Wait LIST

To get on their summer program wait list, visit www.gritathletes.com and fill out the form.



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Here's what parents can expect to happen:

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- They will run faster and jump higher so they can show up to their next season and people will start asking what the heck have they been doing.
- They'll become more coordinated and improve agility which means they'll pick up new skills their coaches teach them faster.
- Your children will start to eat better because we'll be educating them daily on what's good and what they should avoid...don't be surprised if they start asking you to buy more vegetables.
- Confidence will skyrocket. When kids get stronger, faster and more fit...their confidence will rise...so will their self-esteem which means their performance in every aspect of life will get better.
- Their mindset will improve. We're going equip your child with very specific mindset skills that'll help them learn how to transform how they think about mistakes and failures.

SIGN UP TODAY! Spring Program Enrollment Deadline - April 9th -(Only 4 Spots Remaining)

Visit www.gritathletes.com for all the details or scan QR Code with your camera phone

