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## GEAR FOR SCOUTS COURTESY OF SUMMIT FOUNDATION GRANT

*Submitted by Meghan Terry*

In 2020, Summit's Boy Scout Troop 67 was honored to receive a grant in the amount of \$2,426 from The Summit Foundation to cover the purchase of new camping equipment. While the equipment has not yet been used on an overnight campout (due to COVID-related restrictions on unit camping), the Scouts were able to test it all out and get themselves organized for an anticipated return to unit camping during summer 2021.

Purchases funded by The Summit Foundation grant included 8 tents, 2 cooking stoves, and 4 sets of cookware. In order to ensure that the Scout program remains accessible to all who are interested, Troop 67 maintains a gear closet at St. Teresa's Church, which charts the Troop. For prospective or new Scouts, having the proper equipment for backpacking and/or camping can be an obstacle for participation. Proper equipment such as tents, backpacks, sleeping bags, and cooking stoves are not only necessary to make a trek enjoyable, but also safe. These are high-cost items and many boys likely do not have them when they first join or may not be able to afford them. Troop 67 maintains an inventory of these critical items so that all boys are able to participate. However, these items are frequently used and need to be replaced periodically to



ensure proper functionality.

One of the goals of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is to help boys develop into strong, principled young men. The boys learn leadership, team building, outdoor skills, life skills, such as first aid, and the value and benefit of community service. These experiences and skills are developed through regular weekly meetings and monthly treks (day and overnight backpacking and camping) that the boys undertake with trained, uniformed adult leadership. In 2020 and in the first half of 2021, the trek program has been modified to include only day hikes and activities such as horseback riding and climbing, etc. Community Service activities, such as the annual food collection for St. Teresa's food pantry, brown bag sandwich assembly for SHIP, and toiletry/food collection for Bonds of Courage were able to be executed as planned with Covid-specific safety modifications. Troop treks in recent years have included a bicycle tour of Gettysburg, ice climbing in the Shawangunk Mountains, river rafting, and many more adventures.

The Summit Foundation has been active in the local community for more than 50 years, and has granted support to the Troop 67 scouts many times over the years. In the past 10 years alone, the Summit Foundation has invested \$8.6 million dollars in philanthropic support to the local community via grants, scholarships, and donor-advised distributions. Other 2020 grants from The Summit Foundation support local programming such as Sage Eldercare's Meals on Wheels Program, the Sustain Summit program supporting downtown small businesses impacted by the pandemic, and a lengthy list of other community-based organizations in the local area.



*(above) Thanks to a grant from The Summit Foundation, Summit's Boy Scout Troop 67 purchased new camping equipment.*

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(above) The Independent Thrift Shop, located at 33 Kings Road in Madison, is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Submitted by Isabella Lora



(above) Lorelei Burns

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A former ATT executive, who appreciates competence and structure, Burns says she feels at home with the Meals on Wheels team. “I like organizations that are successful, well managed, and get things done.”

She also praised SAGE for their timely response to the pandemic. “They didn’t close their doors. They didn’t stop doing business. The rules and procedures they put in place to keep the operation running were most impressive.”

The most challenging part of being a volunteer, she said, are the losses. Whether it is saying farewell to an elderly client who has died or delivering food to a client who has lost their

spouse, it’s difficult. A widow herself, Burns can empathize with these people and share their feelings of loss. Yet, even with the sadness, she said, the visits are positive and so necessary as many of the meal recipients have no other daily visitors other than their volunteer. While the food is vital “It is the visit that counts,” she explains.

The passion Burns has for her giving and helping extends beyond Meals on Wheels. She is active at the Newark Museum, North Star Academy and has a shop at Covenant House, which provides clothes to homeless children.

Referring to SAGE, she said with modesty, “I am nothing more than a volunteer; I have no desire to be retired.” For her, SAGE represents “friends, food and home.” The relationship she has with the nonprofit is mutually beneficial, she said. “This is my home.”

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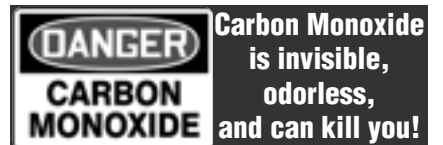
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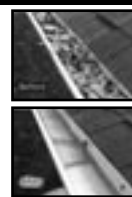
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Next, the new advocates will be matched to a foster youth or sibling set and, once legally assigned to their case by court order, can make arrangements to meet their assigned youth and begin their casework. This class ranges in age from 34 to 63 and includes both parents and nonparents, and those employed as well as retired. Experience includes teaching, law enforcement and homemaking.

Executive Director Mariel S. Hufnagel noted, "It's such a wonderful moment when these dedicated individuals, who have made the decision to become Court Appointed Special Advocates, face the judge as they did today, as the culmination of weeks of intensive training. Being a CASA volunteer is a tremendous commitment, and as these individuals raised their hand and took their oaths, the pride and joy was palpable."

Terry Gould, Advocate Liaison on the Board of Trustees, added, "I have volunteered my entire life and found my CASA work most rewarding because, although my CASA youth has aged out of the system, our friendship will be forever. It brings me great pleasure to see him beat the odds. He is a survivor. These new advocates are ready to hit the ground running and I am beyond excited for them and the adventure ahead!"

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advocate experience and the steps to securing your spot in an upcoming training class, reach out to [info@casaoofunioncounty.org](mailto:info@casaoofunioncounty.org).



(above) Sworn in as judiciary volunteers by Superior Court Judge James Hely via Zoom with newly named Judge Stacey Boretz looking on are Phil Newcomb of Cranford; Jason Fermin of Linden; Juliann Ford of Roselle Park; Jayme Lipkin and Neetu Salhotra of Short Hills; Amanda O'Dowd of Summit and Dawn Saunders of Warren.

## SANTIAGO ABUT FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

The Santiago Abut Foundation has awarded the \$5,000 2021 Santiago Daniel Abut Memorial Scholarship to Selvin Gonzalez, a graduating senior at Summit High School who will attend Drew University and intends to major in computer science. Selvin was chosen from among several applicants, in recognition of his strong academic achievements and solid record of work within the Summit community.

Santiago Daniel Abut (Santi) was an eight-grade student at Summit Middle School, when he unexpectedly passed away in 2008 from a

misdiagnosed health condition. Now in its tenth consecutive year, the Santiago Daniel Abut Memorial Scholarship is awarded every year to a Summit High School graduating senior who demonstrates academic merit and character/citizenship. The launching of this scholarship in 2012, which would have been Santi's senior year at Summit High School, adds special meaning to it, as Santi did not get the chance to go to college, but his family would like to think that he attends college, every year, through and with the students that this scholarship contributes to finance.



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## GOOD GRIEF 5K RUN & WALK RAISES \$160,000 FOR GRIEVING FAMILIES

*Submitted by Paul Fitzhenry*

Like many nonprofits throughout New Jersey and across the country, Good Grief welcomed the return of in-person fundraising events this spring as pandemic restrictions ease and families



embrace opportunities to gather safely in groups to renew their connection to organizations helping others.

After more than a year of holding virtual events and fundraisers, Good Grief returned to an in-person format for its annual 5K Run & Walk on Sunday, June 6 at Giralda Farms. The event drew more than 800 registrants to run, walk and volunteer and helped raise \$160,000 to support free programs for grieving children and families.

"We were thrilled to be able to bring our Good Grief children, families and the extended community together for this cherished event," said Good Grief CEO Joe Primo. "Over the last year, our community has demonstrated incredible resilience in the face of the grief, loss and uncertainty posed by the pandemic. It was truly gratifying to see children and families walking

and running to honor their loved ones."

Sponsors recognized for their support of the event included The Sharp Financial Group, Strawn Arnold & Associates and Deloitte.

Good Grief is respected as a national leader in delivering grief services to children and their families. It is the leading provider of these services in New Jersey serving over 1,000 children since its founding in 2004. Good Grief is a registered 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization whose mission is to provide unlimited free support to children, teens and families after the death of a parent or sibling. Servicing more than 160 communities, we operate programs in Morristown, Princeton, Jersey City, and Newark. For more information about Good Grief, please visit our website, [good-grief.org](http://good-grief.org).



*(above) Good Grief's 5K Run and Walk held on June 6 at Giralda Farms in Madison. The event attracted more than 800 participants and raised nearly \$160,000 to support grieving kids and families who participate in free and unlimited peer-support programs in our Morristown and Princeton Family Support Centers.*

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# SUMMIT ELKS DONATION TO VISUAL ARTS CENTER OF NEW JERSEY



(above, l-r) Pictured are Diego Rotsztain, VACNJ Board of Trustees Vice Chair; Sarah Walko, VACNJ Director of Education & Community Engagement; Theresa Scallon; and Ted Scallon, Chair Special Children's Committee, Summit Elks Lodge.

Submitted by Brian Riley

The Elks Lodge of Summit recently donated \$2,000 to the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey (VACNJ) to support the work VACNJ is doing with ECLC (Education, Careers & Lifelong Community) of New Jersey. The gift will help fund the Art Center's work with ECLC's PRIDE program that assists adults with developmental disabilities make choices for the next steps in their lives. These programs focus on activities that help in one of four areas: social appropriateness, independent living, work enhancement skills, and community participation. VACNJ works with two of the ECLC PRIDE groups each week. Led by art therapist Megan Tuttle, these groups create art to promote social and emotional well-being.

"We are delighted to support the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey and their educational program for adults with special needs. These dedicated programs are a top priority of the Summit Elks Lodge," said Ted Scallon, Chair Special Children's Committee, Summit Elks Lodge.

For more than 150 years, the Elks have worked towards their mission of inculcating the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. They have done so by supporting numerous charitable causes, providing scholarships to students in need, offering a local meeting place for the community, and serving as a place for like-minded individuals to meet and socialize in a relaxed setting. Visit [summitelks1246.org](http://summitelks1246.org) for more information.

Recognized as a leading non-profit arts organization, the Art Center's renowned Studio School, acclaimed exhibitions, and educational outreach initiatives serve thousands of youth, families, seniors, and people with special needs every year. Located at 68 Elm Street in Summit, NJ. Gallery hours: Monday– Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission must be reserved in advance. Please call 908-273-9121 to confirm holiday hours. Visit [artcenternj.org](http://artcenternj.org) for more information.



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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – AUGUST 3

Community Night will be combined with National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

From the NATW: National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

The DCP is honored to co-host Summit's "Biggest Night Out" along with the Summit Police Department. This event is a very special night to foster a positive relationship between the Summit Community and the different law enforcement agencies who help Summit's residents each day.

Food Trucks Open - 6:00 p.m.

Blessing of Badges - 7:00 p.m.

Concert - 7:15 p.m.

The event will also feature:

Obstacle courses and bounce houses,

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(above) Community Night will be combined with National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.



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## SUMMIT COLLEGE CLUB AWARDS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS SIX EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG WOMEN STEP INTO THE SUN

Submitted by Marylou Motto

On May 18 and 19, the Scholarship Committee of Summit College Club (SCC) visited six houses, each one the home of a local high school scholarship winner, in order to award the SCC 2021 scholarships. This year Summit College Club, a branch of AAUW, awarded a total of \$24,000.

This was the second year that the dangers of COVID forbade holding a reception that would gather all the winners indoors. This was the second year also that the Scholarship Committee, which runs the program, undertook the in-person,

on-site delivery of the awards. At each house, the young woman in question emerged from her home, some with one parent, some with two, some with a sibling. There were even a few family dogs in on the fun.

Outside each home, the presenter delivered a short talk about Summit College Club, the particular scholarship being awarded, and some of the reasons why that particular girl had been chosen. Each girl received a bouquet of flowers, a certificate, and a check for \$4,000.

The sunny, breezy weather could not have been better. The smiles—on the part of the

winners, their families, and the Scholarship Committee—could not have been wider. Over and over, it was a joyful occasion.

Several members of the Scholarship Committee noted that this year's winners seemed exceptionally accomplished. Hedy Tukey, president of Summit College Club, said that the organization has given out scholarships in nearly every year of its 101-year history; "indeed, the Tilla Thomas award is named for the woman who founded the club in 1920 and who started the tradition of awarding scholarships just a few years later."



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(above) Alison Araten, who lives in Millburn and attended Millburn High School, presented a record of unbroken straight A's in her classes along with a passion for scientific research. At Tufts University last summer and during her senior year, she worked with doctoral students to study neuro degenerative diseases; she will be listed as one of the authors of the published study. Politically active, Alison began a chapter of Students Demand Action and spoke on a panel with Congressman Tom Malinowski against gun violence. She also works with a child in the Special Skaters Program of the Special Olympics. At Princeton University next fall, Alison will major in science. Marilyn MacLean, co-chair of the Scholarship Committee, presented SCC's Kathi C. Madison Scholarship to Alison.

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(above) Mackenzie Pierce, who attended Governor Livingston High School from her home in Berkeley Heights, served as president of Governor Livingston's National Honor Society, founder and president of the school's Student Activism club, managing editor of the newspaper, and a board member of the Mayor's Youth Council. She is a competitive rock climber and on the varsity track team. She plans to major in economics and international relations at Boston University. SCC's Barbara Sayres presented the Summit College Club Foundation Scholarship to Mackenzie.



(above) Elizabeth Krska is a resident of Summit who attended the Union County Magnet High School for Science, Mathematics and Technology. Her activities include tutoring, singing in a choir, playing volleyball, and presiding over her school's chapter of the National Honor Society. She has won a top prize for her skill on the piano and has performed at Carnegie Hall. Elizabeth shares her musical talent by teaching inner-city children, and she plans to combine architecture, mechanical engineering, and music at Washington University in St. Louis next fall. SCC's Elie Redington presented the Summit College Club Merit Scholarship to Elizabeth.



(above) Annabelle Avelino, who resides in Summit, was cited as the founder of Summit High School's first a cappella club, "Fear the Note," a section leader for Concert Choir, and a lead vocalist for SHS's Big Band Jazz Ensemble. As a junior board member at Overlook Hospital, Annabelle helped raise the funds necessary to save the music therapy program. After her own experience with Lyme Disease, Annabelle began work as a mentor with the Global Lyme Alliance and started a Lyme Disease Awareness Campaign at school. She will attend Georgetown University and major in business and managing for social impact at Georgetown University. Kathy Tatlow, co-chair of the Scholarship Committee, presented Annabelle with SCC's Tilla Thomas Merit Scholarship.



(above) Anna Torell, also of Summit and Summit High School, was another recipient. Her achievements include winning a bronze medal for the USA in Croatia in the event of synchronized figure skating. She is a talented artist who currently works in ceramics. She hopes for a career that combines statistics and math in helping to address climate change, and she will attend the University of Michigan because that school offers such a program as well as competitive synchronized figure skating. Her guidance counselor calls her "a go-getter who doesn't let anything stand in her way." SCC's Elie Redington presented the club's Mary K. Tennant Scholarship to Anna.



(above) Alayo Oloko, Berkeley Heights, attended Kent Place High School in Summit, where she earned outstanding academic grades and boasted a record of innovation in developing her interest in "building things." She organized her school's first "Hack-a-Thon" and mentored younger girls of color in the Kaleidoscope program. According to her guidance counselor, Alayo is "a natural leader, charismatic, dynamic, and the social conscience of the class." She will bring all of this and more to her study of mechanical engineering at M.I.T. SCC's Kathy Brock presented Alayo with the Summit College Club Merit Scholarship.



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ANNOUNCES CITIZENSHIP AWARD WINNERS

Submitted by Lisa K. Winkler

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit is pleased to announce the winners of its annual Citizenship Award to High School Juniors. A junior from each high school is selected based on an essay addressing the topic: "How do you Promote Good Citizenship in your School and Outside Activities?"

The award recipient from Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights is Alyssa Pradhan, whose experiences facing racial prejudice prompted her to action at the local and state level.

Here is an excerpt from her essay:

"As an Asian American female, navigating a dominantly white high school made me reflect on who I really was. In Spring 2020, some friends and I founded the Understanding Asian Cultures (UAC) Club and I became Co-President. We have weekly meetings that focus on celebrating Asian cultures by presenting holidays and traditions and addressing societal issues that the AAPI community faces, especially in light of racially motivated hate crimes. As Co-President of UAC, I feel most proud during our meetings, as students of all backgrounds voluntarily attend during their lunch break to learn more about Asian cultures. This summer, the UAC Executive Officers will lead a virtual Summer Reading Circle for elementary school students across the Berkeley Heights School District on books representing Asian culture. I hope our presence will influence young leaders of the next generation to further

our efforts for unity and inclusivity."

From New Providence High School, Grace Coimparetto won the award. She aspires to a career in medicine.

Here is an excerpt from her essay:

"No one is born a good citizen. Rather, they are raised and molded into strong-willed and trusted members of society. Wealth, gender, ethnicity or age play no factor in determining the character of a person. For me, being configured into a respected citizen of your community means to be dedicated to bettering the lives of others. In my life I see this idea playing out in my dream job as a healthcare professional. Through clubs such as 'Future Medical Professionals', participating in Rutgers Medical classes in my high school and an internship in medicine and healthcare at American University this summer I hope to use my motivation and knowledge to bring more people to this field. Citizenship is a fundamental principle in building a working community with a strong moral code."

Summit High School's winner is Victoria MacArthur, who is active in student council and believes being a positive role model is key to good citizenship.

Here is an excerpt from her essay:

"Good citizenship means to actively create a supportive, safe environment instead of only being a bystander. I believe good citizenship is about integrating yourself into your community as a positive role model.

"I participate in the Student Council at Summit High School which allows me to fund raise, both for the school and for various charities, and use my leadership skills to navigate through peer discussions about how to implement change for the better of our school community. I also participate in the Unified Physical Education program where I work with students with special needs.

"Outside my school community, I show good citizenship by assisting my neighbors. For example, an elderly man lives next to me and I often walk his dog or shovel snow in his driveway since these are difficult tasks for him to complete alone.

"No matter how big or small a community is, showing good citizenship can go a long way. Whether it's being a member of leadership at the high school or taking time to talk to a neighbor, small acts create a ripple effect."



(above, l-r) Victoria MacArthur, Summit High School, Alyssa Pradhan, Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, Grace Coimparetto, New Providence High School.

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## RELAY FOR LIFE OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS “LIGHT THE FIGHT” EVENT

The American Cancer Society (ACS) Relay For Life of Berkeley Heights hosted the “Light The Fight” Event at The Grove at Connell Park on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Teams of students and members of the community joined forces for the

annual fundraiser to help save lives from cancer. At this writing the event raised 50,382.09.

Due to the pandemic, Relay For Life events were adjusted this year but the passion and commitment to fight cancer remains unchanged.

The “Light the Fight” event featured Luminaria bags designed by volunteers that illuminated the pathways of The Grove. The day also included an opening ceremony, singing of the national anthem from Rebecca Candelero, raising of the Flag by Boy Scout Troop 368, and two food trucks to choose from.

The annual Relay for Life event serves as a way to bring the local communities together; with participants from Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Summit, Mountainside, Springfield, and Watchung Hills.

Founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Tacoma, Washington, in 1985, Relay For Life continues to be more than just an event – it’s a movement, a community of like-minded survivors, caregivers, volunteers and participants who believe that the future can be free from cancer.

For more than 35 years, participants and volunteers across the world have come together to honor and remember loved ones and take action for lifesaving change. Funds raised help the American Cancer Society conduct breakthrough research, provide 24/7 support for cancer patients and access to lifesaving screenings.

To learn more about Relay For Life of Berkeley Heights, or make a donation visit [RelayForLife.org/BerkeleyHeightsNJ](https://RelayForLife.org/BerkeleyHeightsNJ).



(above) Hilltoppers - Summit

Photos from this and other events can be found online at [rennamedia.com](https://rennamedia.com) and on the “Summit Times” page on [facebook.com](https://facebook.com) Feel free to “Like,” “Tag,” and “Share.”

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Under the Big Tent on the Library's Front Lawn! Fun programs for babies, toddlers, kids, and teens will be happening on the library's front lawn—LIVE! Adult programs will continue to be delivered via Zoom. All programs require registration.

### Preschool

On Mondays, from 10-10:30 a.m., Ms. Lisa will entertain babies through age 2 with stories and songs as part of Mother Goose Storytime. On

Tuesdays, join Mrs. Wheelless for Fluffy's Friends from 10-10:30 a.m.—open to toddlers age 2-3. On Wednesdays at 12 noon you can Picnic with a Librarian on the Village Green!

Bring a lunch and join us—open to babies through Kindergarten. If it rains or is very hot, Picnic with a Librarian will be canceled—please call the library at 908-273-0350 to find out if it's on. From 4-4:30 p.m., Ms. Debbie will entertain kids age 2 and up with Wednesday Wiggles! Please wear masks for all programs

### Elementary School

Open to kids in grades 1-5, join Ms. Lisa for Wildlife Tuesdays every Tuesday from 4-5 p.m.! Mrs. Wheelless presents Serendipity every Thursday from 4-5 p.m. On Monday, July 12 at 7 p.m., the library's popular Books & Woofs program will take place—kids in grades 1-5 can practice reading out loud to guide dogs from The Seeing Eye! On Wednesday, July 14 at 7 p.m., the dogs return to the library for a Guide Dog Demo—this program is open to grades 1-5.

On Wednesday, July 21 at 2 p.m. join our friends from House Paws for Vets in Training! Rumor has it they'll be bringing bunnies, a hedgehog and a gecko to teach kids in grades 1-5 about how to care for small animals. This program is funded by the Manley Winsor Foundation. Wrapping up the month, for 6 sessions, meeting on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 2 p.m. is Mrs. Wheelless' popular Sassyfrass Storytelling Workshop! This is a six

session workshop. Open to kids in grades 3-6, the final session wraps up with a visit to Hometowne TV where kids can practice their storytelling live and it will be recorded and show on Hometowne TV! Please wear masks for all programs.

### Teens

Teens can meet at the library every Wednesday at 5 p.m. for a variety of different activities throughout the month of July—part of our CATSS at the Library program!

### Summer Reading Themed Programs for Adults!

**Monday, July 12 at 7 p.m.**

Suzanne Luciano, a bee-keeper from Bucks County, PA, presents What's the Buzz: An Introduction to Honey Bees! Learn about the challenges faced by bees and beekeepers, and take a glimpse into the life inside a hive and learn of the honey bees; significance in all our lives and how you can contribute to their flourishing and success. Time for questions and answers follow the presentation. Via Zoom.

Registration required. Funded through the generosity of the Friends of the Summit Free Public Library.

### Get Inside Your Dog's Head!

**On Thursday, July 22 at 7 p.m.**

Kristina Palazzo and John Cottone of Canine Connection will present Understanding Your Dog. In this informative talk, you'll get a brief introduction to dog psychology, common mistakes dog owners make that can lead to behavioral issues in our dogs, and some quick tips to improve your relationship with your pup.

The presentation will be followed by a question and answer period where you can ask questions about your dog's behavior. Via Zoom. Registration required. Funded through the generosity of the Friends of the Summit Free Public Library.

### Know Your Birds!

**Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m.**

get the inside scoop on Caring for Raptors: From Rehab to Release. Learn the inner workings of The Raptor Trust, one of NJ's largest wildlife rehabilitation facilities from a Raptor trust educator and rehabilitation technician. Find out what the most common threats NJ's birds face, dive into a real case student, and observe footage of avian care procedures and some successful wild releases that follow them. Via Zoom. Registration required. Funded through the generosity of the Friends of the Summit Free Public Library.

### Strategies for Wildlife Conflict

**Thursday, July 29 at 7 p.m.**

Join Melissa Anahory, a licensed wildlife rehabilitation specialist at Woodlands Wildlife Refuge, for Resolving Wildlife Conflicts. Learn how to identify and resolve the most common causes of human/wildlife conflicts. Common scenarios include home damage, how to get wildlife out of your home, garden damage, pet-caught wildlife, and more. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. Via Zoom. Registration required. Funded through the generosity of the Friends of the Summit Free Public Library.



(above) Pictured are the two co-founders of Canine Connection, Kristina Palazzo and John Cottone.



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The next monthly Meet the Mayor event will be held on Sunday, July 11 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Summit Farmers Market in Deforest Avenue Parking Lot 1.

"I am very pleased to reinstate my weekly office hours at City Hall and to begin holding weekend Meet the Mayor events each month," explains Summit Mayor Nora Radest. "While I have been able to conduct business remotely, it will be wonderful to reconnect in-person and meet residents and business owners around town."



## SUMMIT POLICE INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST IN FLORIDA

Following a one-year long investigation by the Summit Police Department, Bradley Fisher, 24, of Hudson Florida has been charged with transmission of material harmful to minors, a third degree felony in the state of Florida under statute 847.0138.

Summit police detectives delivered crucial evidentiary material to allow the Pasco County Sheriff's Department Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit to continue the investigation and ultimately arrest Fisher for the exchange of explicit sexual messages with a juvenile female, age 12, from Summit, NJ.

The suspect allegedly solicited pornographic images from the victim and shared sexually-explicit photos of his person on the Discord

social media app.

"A thorough investigation by police detectives ensured the apprehension of the suspect," Chief Bartolotti said. "Communication is essential in protecting young people from online exploitation and the immediate contacting of police by the victim and her family led to a successful outcome. Online predators pose a security risk for children and teens, and it is extremely important for parents to speak openly with their children about online activity."

These criminal charges are mere accusations. Every defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

For more information on the Summit Police Department, go to [cityofsummit.org/police](http://cityofsummit.org/police).

## SAGE LAUNCHES "THE GROTTA FUND LIBRARY" TO EASE OLDER ADULT LONELINESS

SAGE Eldercare recently launched a new virtual library on its website, [sageeldercare.org](http://sageeldercare.org). The library includes exclusive SAGE exercise, entertainment and educational videos. Funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Grotta Fund, the goal of the library is to ease the loneliness and isolation many older adults and caregivers are continuing to experience due to the pandemic. The new library is available to SAGE clients as well as the public; anyone who can benefit from it.

Advocating on behalf of the elderly for 100 years, The Grotta Fund for Senior Care is an advisory council fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest. The Foundation has a long history of supporting organizations that help improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers. SAGE also received a \$10,000 grant from the Fund last summer to assist the nonprofit during the pandemic.

"The loneliness that many older adults and caregivers are still experiencing due to COVID-19 is heartbreaking," said SAGE grant writer, Ellen Tepper. "We are deeply appreciative of the Grotta Fund for allowing us to create this engaging selection of content to help provide

something fun and entertaining for those who need it."

Within the library, exercise videos include: chair exercises, gentle yoga, meditation and more. The entertainment section has everything from show tunes and to Motown hits, while education includes webinars from SAGE's Your Decisions Matter program as well as other helpful and interesting content.

Visit SAGE's new library at [sageeldercare.org](http://sageeldercare.org). For more information, please email [swirth@sageeldercare.org](mailto:swirth@sageeldercare.org).

Since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves amazing places to age. The organization provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. From helping with errands, to exercise classes, community programs, care planning, and home health care, SAGE's expertise helps older adults remain independent in their own homes. SAGE is committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to older adults, their families, and caregivers. For more information, please call 908-273-5550 or visit [sageeldercare.org](http://sageeldercare.org).

## SUMMIT OLD GUARD

The Summit Old Guard, a group of nearly three hundred retired men who live locally, presents programs every Tuesday (since 1930) starting at 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The programs cover a wide range of interest and are presented by experts in their representative fields, for example, doctors, engineers, and businessmen. We usually meet in the New Providence Municipal Building but currently, and for the near future, we are meeting virtually. For more information a detailed description of the Summit Old Guard, it's members and current programs can be found on our web site [summitoldguard.org](http://summitoldguard.org).

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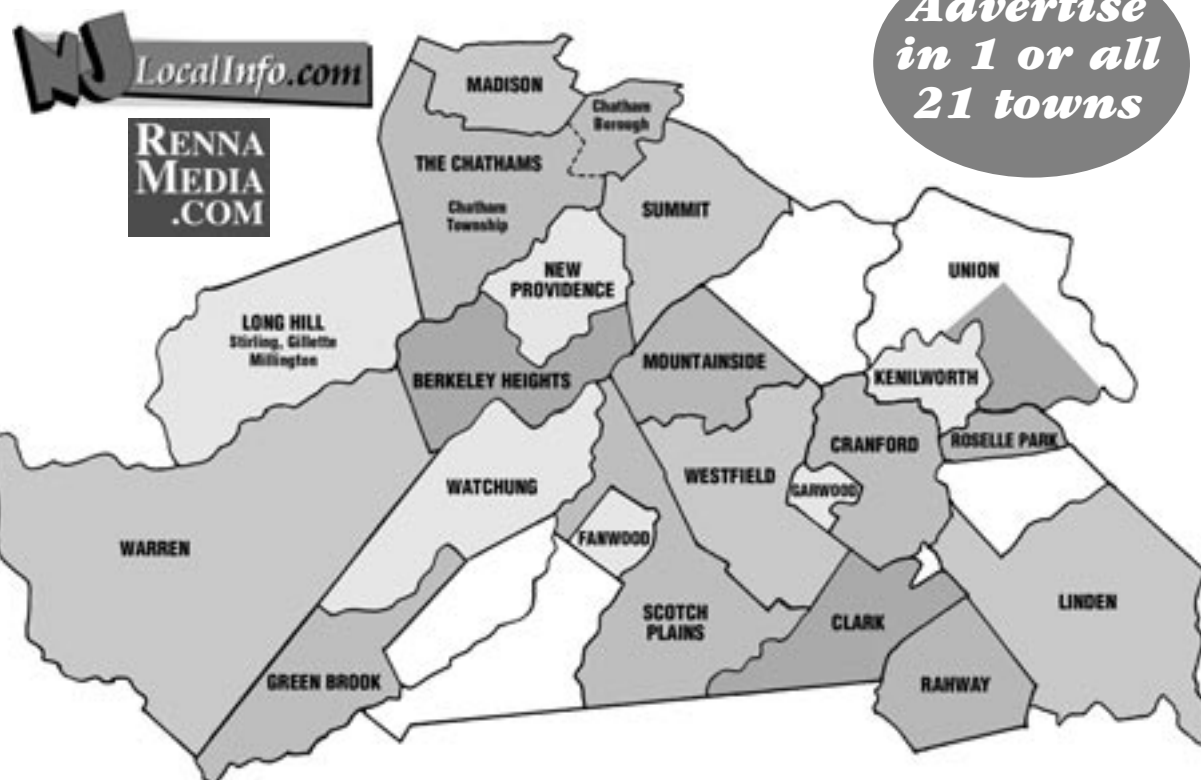
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Units	Size	RATE FOR ANY 1 NEWSPAPER	RATE FOR ANY 3 NEWSPAPERS	RATE FOR ANY 6 NEWSPAPERS	RATE FOR ANY 9 NEWSPAPERS	RATE FOR ANY 12 NEWSPAPERS	RATE FOR ANY 15 NEWSPAPERS	RATE FOR ANY 18 NEWSPAPERS	RATE FOR ALL 21 NEWSPAPERS
1 Unit (Business card)	3.25" x 2"	\$60	\$150	\$250	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$550
2 Units	6.5" x 2" or 3.25" x 4"	\$100	\$250	\$400	\$500	\$600	\$700	\$800	\$900
4 Units	3.25" x 8" or 6.5" x 4"	\$180	\$450	\$700	\$900	\$1100	\$1300	\$1500	\$1700
6 Units	6.5" x 6.25" or 10" x 4"	\$240	\$600	\$900	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600	\$1800	\$2000
9 HALF PAGE	6.5" x 9" or 10" x 7"	\$320	\$800	\$1000	\$1300	\$1600	\$1900	\$2200	\$2400
12 Units	10" x 8"	\$360	\$900	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800	\$2100	\$2400	\$2700
18 FULL PAGE	10" x 14"	\$400	\$1000	\$1400	\$1800	\$2200	\$2500	\$2800	\$3000
2 PAGE SPREAD	21" x 14"	\$700							
BACK PAGE	10" x 14"	\$500							
FRONT PAGE BANNER	8.25" x 2"	\$320							
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## • SEE WHAT IS WORKING AND NOT WORKING

Know where your web traffic is coming from and why.

## • ELIMINATE / AVOID COSTLY SCHEMES

Evaluate the return you are getting from your online marketing costs.

## • INCREASE ONLINE MARKETING RESULTS

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Includes website hosting, software updates, monthly website content updates

## • SEO SERVICES: AVERAGE COST \$1,000 - \$2,000 PER MONTH

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## Here's what you get with your Executive Personal Training Package

- **Unlimited Personal Training Sessions** so you can work out with a coach as much as you want, which means you're essentially guaranteed to feel fit, strong and healthy.
- **Extreme Accountability** from your assigned GFP trainer so you can never fall off track, which means you'll finally get the energy and health you've been missing.
- **Personalized Nutrition Plan** so you know exactly what to eat and when to eat it, which means you'll start burning fat immediately
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