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## FIVE SCOUTS HONORED WITH EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

*Submitted by Meghan Terry*

On June 19, five Scouts from Troop 67 were honored in a joint Eagle Court of Honor ceremony held at a private home in Summit. Local dignitaries, including Summit Mayor Nora Radest, Marjorie Foxx, Common Council President, and Common Council member Greg Vartan attended the ceremony. The Scouts who achieved the Eagle Rank were:

Bryan Fok (May 13, 2020) His Eagle community service project involved the construction and installation of a Free Little Library, which is a community based book exchange, at Lincoln Hubbard School in Summit, NJ. Benches were also constructed and installed around the library to encourage reading and relaxation.

Coley Snyder (November 5, 2020) His Eagle community service project involved the planning and creation of a prayer garden and reflection area to honor the veterans at Saint Teresa of Avila Cemetery in Summit, NJ. He also installed an angle statue, paver walkway, plantings and stained cedar benches to the area.

Markus Seza Gokan (November 5, 2020) His Eagle community service project involved elevating a flood prone hiking trail in the Ash Brook Reservation. This is part of the Battle of Short Hills Historic Trail in Scotch Plains, NJ. He utilized a modified Native American technique known as corduroy construction. Native materials were applied to raise the trail above the flood line.

Will Cho (November 5, 2020) His Eagle community service project involved the planning, digging and creation of an eco-friendly rain garden at the Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, NJ. A bench was also designed and built to create a sitting area within the garden.

Kevin Ming-Yin Michael Cavicchia (March 14, 2021) His Eagle community service project involved constructing a traditional Native American wickiup at the Reeves Reed Arboretum in Summit, NJ. This wickiup structure will serve as a valuable teaching tool



*(above, l-r) Eagle Scouts Coley Snyder, Bryan Fok, Kevin Ming-Yin Michael Cavicchia, Markus Seza Gokan, and Will Cho.*



*(above) Summit Common Council President Marjorie Foxx, Council Member Greg Vartan, and Mayor Nora Radest attended the June 19 Eagle Court of Honor.*

for the Native American lessons taught at the arboretum.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, the highest advancement rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. The Eagle Service Project completed by each candidate for the rank is the culmination of many years of participation and leadership within a Troop, and includes earning at least 21 Merit Badges, as well as many hours of community service and troop leadership.

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## AUGUST CONCERTS AND MOVIES ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

The City of Summit Department of Community Programs schedule for its free summer movies and concerts on the Village Green continues in August.

Presented by Investors Bank, the 2021 Hot Summer Nights concert series will feature musical performances on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. The lineup for August includes:

Twice Heard on August 3 (also National Night Out – Community Night), Brian Kirk and the Jirks on August 10 and The Nerds on August 17. Rain dates will be scheduled according to talent availability. Refreshments will be available from food trucks at each concert.

On Thursday evenings, the 2021 Screen on the Green movie series will take place on the Village Green and as a classic drive-in the

parking lot at the Summit Family Aquatic Center. Village Green movies include Raya and the Last Dragon on August 5 and The Lion King on August 12.

Summit Family Aquatic Center drive-in movies include The Karate Kid on August 19. Family dance parties begin at 7:15 p.m. and movies are shown at dark. In the event of rain, movies will be shown on the following Monday.

Members of the audience for movies and concerts should bring a blanket or chair. All City of Summit events are alcohol and tobacco free.

Full event details for the Hot Summer Nights Concert Series and the Screen on the Green Movie Series including vendor and sponsorship information can be found online at [summitcommunityprograms.com](http://summitcommunityprograms.com).

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## THE SUMMIT FOUNDATION DONATES \$13,000 TO CRISIS LISTENING LINE CARING CONTACT

Submitted by Michelle Habayeb

Julie Keenan, President of the Board of Trustees of the Summit Foundation, presented a \$13,000 grant to Caring Contact on June 11, 2021. For nearly 50 years, the Summit Foundation has served the Summit community by growing and granting philanthropic resources to address local needs. During the last 10 years they have invested \$8.6 million through grants, scholarships, and donor-advised distributions.

“As a result of Covid, the number of individuals in need of emotional support grew and, fortunately, we were able to pivot to remote listening during the height of the pandemic. This allowed us to take over 15,000 calls in 2020,” said Ms. Givelber. “The Summit Foundation’s generosity will ensure that Caring Contact has more trained listeners available to answer the

increased number of calls either in our call center or remotely.”

Caring Contact’s goal for 2021 is to continue building hotline capacity to more effectively meet the increased number of crisis calls from the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This is particularly important as Congress has mandated the change to a three-digit code (988) for access to the Lifeline in 2022. The entire Lifeline network of 170+ centers is focused on building capacity to meet the anticipated increase in calls as a result of this change. The Summit Foundation’s grant provides crucial support for this effort in North-Central New Jersey.

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME - AUG 3

The Summit Police Department is hosting Summit's annual National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 6 to 9 p.m. on the Village Green located at 356 Broad St. in Summit, New Jersey.

Summit is joining thousands of communities around the United States in celebrating National Night Out, a community-building event that takes place annually on the first Tuesday in August. Featuring a variety of municipal, county, state, and federal-level agencies, National Night Out provides a chance for community members to come together to view displays and demonstrations by Union County SWAT, NJ State Police and K-9 along with Summit Police, Summit Fire Department, Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, and the Division of Public Works.

At 6 p.m., food trucks will be available and entertainment will begin. The Circus Time circus will be performing at 6:15 p.m. followed by the annual Blessing of the Badges at 7 p.m. The band Twice Heard will perform on the main stage from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. Free hot dogs will be provided at Summit PAL food cart.

Summit's 2021 National Night Out is co-hosted by the Department of Community Programs and sponsored by the Summit PAL.

National Night Out is also designated as Community Night, an opportunity for local non-profit organizations to share information with the public. To participate, contact David Guida at [dguidajr@cityofsummit.org](mailto:dguidajr@cityofsummit.org).

In the event of rain, the event will be rescheduled to Wednesday, August 4.

For full event details, please visit [summitcommunityprograms.com](http://summitcommunityprograms.com). For more information on National Night Out, visit [natw.org](http://natw.org).

## 3 SKILL SETS STUDENTS NEED TO THRIVE THIS FALL

LearningRx ([www.LearningRx.com](http://www.LearningRx.com)), the largest one-on-one brain training company, is sharing tips to help students ease the transition from summer to school. The tips highlight three key skill sets that students need to thrive in any setting.

This fall will be a return to in-person learning for many students across the country in nearly 18 months. In addition to the standard learning loss that typically occurs when formal education stops during the summer, this past year and a half was compounded because of school closures, disruptions, and new challenges with online learning. These adjustments have left many students - and parents - concerned about a return to the classroom.

But there's good news: almost everyone is in the same boat.

Here are some tips to help your student develop three primary skill sets to help them thrive this academic year:

### • SKILL SET #1: SOCIALIZATION

Understandably, students may feel nervous about returning to a social setting, especially after more than a year riddled with isolation, home-based learning, event cancellations, and limited sports and other extracurricular activities. Look for opportunities to tour the school, attend grade-specific orientations and other social engagements. Depending on your student's interests, needs, and age, you may want to enroll them in individual or group therapy, schedule "play dates," sign them up for a fun workshop (e.g., painting, star gazing, pottery), or take them to a free movie night at the park. If needed, encourage them to brainstorm conversation starters or extracurricular activities at the start of school (e.g., theater, student council, intramural volleyball) they can enroll in to make friends organically.

### • SKILL SET #2: TIME MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATION

Summer often means late nights and sleeping in, making the transition to early morning starts particularly stressful. Start by gradually adopting a sleep schedule to best prepare your student for an earlier wake-up.

Like time management, organization often serves as a reflection of learning success. As one might imagine, a well-rested teen with strong note-taking skills, clearly labeled binders, and a detailed homework schedule will likely perform better than a sleep-deprived teen who struggles to stay on top of tasks. Invest in the tools your student needs to keep academics organized like colored markers, binders, notebooks, highlighter pens, a calendar, and a whiteboard. Designate a quiet space in your living quarters - whether it's a desk, fold-up, or dining room table - to establish a learning environment without distraction.

### • SKILL SET #3: COGNITIVE SKILLS

Also known as "brain skills," cognitive skills are the underlying tools that enable kids to focus successfully, think, prioritize, plan, understand, visualize, remember, and solve problems. Those skills include auditory processing, visual processing, short and long-term memory, comprehension, logic, reasoning, and attention skills. If one of these skills isn't as strong as the others, it can affect the brain's ability to perform efficiently. Just imagine a bright student whose attention skills make it difficult to focus on the teacher's instruction. They might miss taking critical information while taking notes, a homework assignment, or project details. Imagine if every cognitive skill were strong, including their attention skill, they would thrive in school and perform at their highest potential.

By taking an initial Brain Skills Assessment through LearningRx, the student and parent would see a fuller picture of the student's cognitive skills. Then a tailored program would focus on targeting the skills needed to maximize the student's potential. After strengthening their skills, homework, test-taking, and learning, in general, are faster and easier.

Although a return to school can bring up feelings of inadequacy and anxiety, it's important to remember that almost every student is experiencing something similar. Addressing these three skill sets can help boost your students' confidence, and better prepare them for the return to school. Focus on support, independence, and the excitement of a fresh start—and understand that their apprehension is entirely normal.

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## A MESSAGE OF HOPE AND RESILIENCE

### Summit Public Art

In 2021, public art has become more relevant than ever. A great example of one initiative to dynamize a city downtown after a year of pandemic is the one led by Summit Public Art.

For nearly twenty years, Summit Public Art (SPA) has infused Summit's downtown with contemporary art installations that provide public art experiences. Since 2002, the volunteer-based city organization has installed over 80 pieces of temporary art created by nationally and internationally acclaimed artists.

For the launch of its 2021-22 season, SPA has invited artist Laurence de Valmy (she/her), to create a mural art installation in the heart of Summit at the historic MONDO building, a space dedicated to the arts.

The installation presents three interactive artworks from de Valmy's POST series, which

revisits art history through anachronistic Instagram posts. The works, displayed on large banners, will share the stories behind three works by the artists Lee Krasner, Keith Haring and Jean Michel Basquiat.

De Valmy's work captures the trend of our times and connects it to art history.

Launched in 2010, Instagram is now the favorite platform for sharing art. But what if Instagram had always existed?

De Valmy intermingles her knowledge of art history along with her painting dexterities to share the stories behind iconic artworks. All of her pieces, depicted as Instagram posts from a time gone by, combine an original painting and a dialogue that is historically precise yet humorous. "I love art history but above all I'm fascinated by personal stories and relationships: how artists were connected with other artists, art dealers, writers, their lovers, etc. What made them create their work? Or for whom did they do it? That's what my series is about," says de Valmy.

### AN INTERACTIVE INSTALLATION

Each mural has its own QR code to encourage interaction with viewers and provide more stories and information such as videos of the artist in the studio. "Laurence's work is aesthetically appealing but also educational and fun at the same time. We hope that it will trigger people's curiosity and allow them to experience art in a unique way," says Brian Carpenter, Communications Chair for SPA.

Some will argue that our phones and social media can make us feel disconnected with real life. But De Valmy points to her own positive experiences with social media: "I have met so many friends thanks to that and was spotted by art dealers on Instagram. It's been a game changer for me. It will be great to connect with viewers who share their experience in Summit!"

Three artworks to represent resilience, hope, and inclusion

Created during the pandemic, de Valmy's POSTs were inspired by the stories of Krasner, Haring and Basquiat who all faced different challenges during their lifetime. Each artwork

carries a message of resilience, hope and inclusion.

"Krasner as a woman had to make her way in a male-dominated art scene and break free from the shadow of her famous husband, Jackson Pollock," says de Valmy. Lee's Sun Woman by de Valmy is part of a collaboration with Art Girl Rising and Kahn Gallery to develop awareness about women artists.

"Keith Haring was snubbed by the art institutions, at least for a while, since he was labeled as a commercial artist and he was also a victim of AIDS. Despite these challenges, he was his whole life a strong advocate for art democratization, equality, tolerance, and love of life, which is very inspiring to me," says de Valmy.

Although Jean Michel Basquiat quickly rose to fame, he resented the racism he often faced along the way. The piece chosen by de Valmy is one of the rare flower paintings created by Basquiat, possibly as a tribute to the famous flowers of his friend Andy Warhol.

### ABOUT SUMMIT PUBLIC ART

Summit Public Art is a volunteer-based city organization whose mission is to bring art to public spaces throughout Summit, NJ. Although it is a city entity, SPA receives no funding from the city. It raises money through individual donations, public and private grants and corporate sponsorships.

SPA was founded in 2002 as the Mayor's Partnership for Public Art. Its mission is to enhance the cityscape, infusing it with assorted contemporary art installations that provide public art experiences to those who live, work in, or visit Summit.

Over the past fourteen years SPA has installed over 80 pieces of temporary art throughout the community. The artists represented include many of national and international renown. The committee has also sponsored and facilitated two permanent installations on Broad Street: three bus shelters and the Gateway Tree sculpture welcoming people to town. Visit [summitpublicart.com](http://summitpublicart.com).



(above) French American artist Laurence de Valmy



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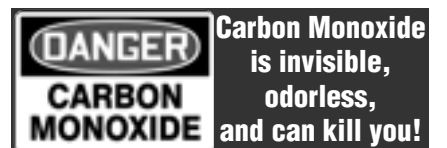
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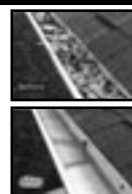
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## REPAIR CAFÉ GARDEN STATE

*Submitted by Courtney Cordaro*

Starting this summer Summit's Repair Café will have its own place on the state-wide Repair Café website, [repaircafes.org](http://repaircafes.org). There you can find event details not only about Summit's repair events, but all repair events throughout New Jersey. Summit Repair Café founder Courtney Cordaro says this collaborative website will help centralize repair resources, including fix-it guides and event information, into one place to allow patrons better repair opportunities near and far from them.

In addition to a new website launch, Summit's Repair Café will return on September 18 for free in-person repairs at Christ Church.

If you would like to volunteer or help to repair beloved but broken items at this event or future events reach out to Courtney via email, [summit@repaircafes.org](mailto:summit@repaircafes.org) or through the contact form on [repaircafes.org](http://repaircafes.org).

## THRIFT SHOP READY FOR AUGUST SPECIALS

The Madison Independent Thrift Shop invites all shoppers during the month of August to stop in and take advantage of the Summer Clothing Sale. All summer clothing will be available at 50% off the regular prices.

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If you have questions or need further information, we can be reached at 973-377-2450.

## ONE WOMAN'S WARTIME ODYSSEY

Longtime Summit resident Eva Cristina Hoffman Jedruch has lectured extensively about her mother's extraordinary journey during the first half of the 20th century. Now Jedruch's book, *Crossing the Bridges: From Lvov Across the Steppes of Asia to London's Doodlebugs*, is in print, published June 30 by the prestigious British firm of Austin Macauley.

Zofia Neuhooff was born in 1905 into an upper middle-class family in the Polish lands which had been annexed by Austria in the 18th century. When WWI upended their world, the family moved to Innsbruck for five years, returning only in 1918 to the newly-independent Poland. In the ensuing years, Zofia married happily, becoming Zofia Hoffman, and, unusually for a woman, earned a law degree.

Then, in 1939, Poland was invaded by both Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia. Zofia's husband was killed by the Russians in a massacre of Polish officers in 1940. She herself was arrested by the Soviets, forced to leave behind Eva, her 18-month-old child, and sent to work in a stone quarry in Kazakhstan. Later, she managed to join a Polish military unit under British command, which initiated her journey, in fits and starts, across Persia, Iraq, Palestine and Egypt; she arrived in London just in time to work at General Headquarters during the worst of the German blitz.

Even when the war ended in 1945, Zofia's "war" was not over: it remained for her to return to communist Poland, then under Soviet control, and try to smuggle her daughter out of the country. Three quarters of a century later, her story is still heart-stopping.

Jedruch has already published a book about her mother's odyssey in Polish. She notes that *Crossing the Bridges* is "not a translation but a substantially new book, with more extensive explanation of the political and geographical backdrop."

Eva Cristina Hoffman Jedruch was born in Lvov, Poland, months before the outbreak of WWII. She has lived in England, Argentina, and the USA. A chemical engineer by profession, Jedruch worked with her husband, a nuclear physicist and parliamentary historian. After his death, she returned to university to earn a doctorate in medieval studies at Drew University. She speaks five languages and is a vice president of the International Commission for the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions (ICHRPI). Her book is available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and independent bookstores.



*(above) Summit resident and author, Eva Cristina Hoffman Jedruch has written a book about her mother's extraordinary journey, *Crossing the Bridges*.*



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## SEA SCOUT FROM SUMMIT EARNS COUNCIL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sebastián Heredia has been awarded the 2021 Patriots' Path Sea Scout Leadership Award. Sebastián is a Sea Scout from Ship 228 in Linden and he is an Eagle Scout from Troop 67 of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church in Summit.

Sebastián discovered Sea Scouting in 2017 and has been dual enrolled in Ship 228 and Troop 67 ever since. In 2019, Sebastián was nominated Sea Scout of the Year and he was the only Sea Scout

from Patriots' Path Council to attend the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia as a member of the National Sea Scout Ship. At the World Scout Jamboree, 40,00 Scouts and leaders participated from all over the world.

Sebastián earned his Eagle rank in 2019 and later earned the Silver Palm award. He is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. Sebastián graduated from Summit High School

in 2020 and went on to become an EMT. He is a member of the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad.

Currently, Sebastián serves as the Patriots' Path Council Boatswain. In 2021, he carried out a successful regional, virtual training program and was selected for this Area Leadership Award. He was also selected to attend SEAL this summer: the Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training in San Francisco, California. SEAL Training is the highest leadership training for Sea Scouts. He is working to earn the rank of Quartermaster which is Sea Scouting's highest honor.

Sebastián is accepted to SUNY Maritime College and will enter the Regiment of Cadets in August. His goal is to obtain a United States Coast Guard deck license and a degree in Maritime Transportation. His future plans hope to include military service. He is grateful for all of the opportunities that have been granted to him through Scouting.

Sea Scouting is open to both male and female youth ages 14-21 who have graduated the 8th grade. There is a Maritime Explorer Club for younger youth in 6th to 8th grade. Adult volunteers with maritime experience or captain's licenses are needed too. If you are interested in learning more about Sea Scouting and Ship 228 in Linden please visit [ship228.com](http://ship228.com).



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## RICHARD HERNANDEZ, RECEIVES STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD

### Literacy New Jersey

Literacy New Jersey recently held its annual Literacy for Life Conference, a virtual conference for adult literacy practitioners. During the conference, Richard Hernandez received the Student Excellence Award from among more than 1,000 Literacy New Jersey students.

Program Director Barbara Bagger of Westfield said: "Richard is an outstanding choice for our Student Excellence Award. He is a model student and earned his high school diploma in record time. He aspires to attend college and join his brother's software business. He inspires other students to achieve their goals. We are very proud of Richard. I know that this is just the beginning for Richard."

Richard Hernandez came to Literacy New Jersey in September 2020 during the height of the pandemic. While many HSE students were discouraged from attending online classes and using unfamiliar computer technology, and faced with closed test centers, Richard persevered. Richard has lived in Elizabeth, New Jersey all of his life. He had trouble in high school because of test anxiety and accordingly did not earn his high school diploma. However, at 27, Richard made the decision to earn his high school diploma and called Literacy New Jersey to sign up for classes. Within 3 short months, Richard was a high school graduate.

His tutor, Vivian Saito, a Literacy New Jersey tutor from Westfield, describes Richard: "From the get-go Richard Hernandez was a 'go-getter';



He was determined to earn his HSE diploma within the term allotted to do so.

"Even while taking care of family obligations, Richard made time to study his lessons and complete all practice tests for class each week. I knew Richard was

bound for success in earning his diploma after reading his initial writing essay (His was the first in the class to be submitted.). Richard's essay was like reading a page from a book and I told him so...Thank you, Richard, for allowing this tutor to feel my time spent has been so worthwhile with Literacy New Jersey and with students like you."

Math tutor Peggy Tung, a Literacy New Jersey tutor from Berkeley Heights added, "Richard has all the qualities that make every student a success. It can be summed up in three words: goal-setting, conscientiousness and hard-work.

"First, he set his goal, in this case, to get his HSE certificate. Then, he meticulously did everything he could to reach that goal. He understood that 'practice makes perfect' was a necessary condition for learning math. As a result, he made every effort to attend all classes while meeting family obligations. He was attentive in all classes, trying to understand the

subject at hand and asking questions for clarification. He did all the homework assigned to the students, which required tenacious pursuit. Last but not least, to prepare for the test he did all sample tests in the TASC system and the extra review problems until he mastered them. His hard work paid off. He passed the math test in his first attempt, a reward for and a testament to his sustained and concentrated effort. As a math tutor, I cannot ask for more from a student than what Richard has been doing. His methodical approach to reaching his goal was exemplary. It has been a complete privilege to have the opportunity to be his tutor and to help him accomplish success. It is without a doubt that Richard will continue to complete whatever goal he sets for himself in his life."

Literacy New Jersey is a non-profit organization that helps adult students who struggle with reading, writing and speaking English. Programs include: English as a Second Language, Basic Literacy, High School Equivalency, Digital Literacy and citizenship classes. Classes are free to students and because of the pandemic, all classes are currently held online. Literacy New Jersey gratefully received support from the Westfield United Fund, the Westfield Foundation and the Elizabeth Public Library. If you would like to volunteer with Literacy New Jersey, you must be 18 years old and speak English. For more information, contact Barbara Bagger, Program Director at [bbagger@literacynj.org](mailto:bbagger@literacynj.org).

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## BACKPACKS FOR LIFE FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER

On September 20, 2021, Backpacks For Life will be hosting their Fifth Annual Golf Outing in Wayne, NJ. The golf outing is one of Backpacks For Life's tentpole fundraiser events that occurs annually in an effort to spread awareness about veteran homelessness and their mission to serve the veteran community. Last year's event was cancelled after a handful of rescheduling attempts due to COVID-19. The outing is presented by the founding sponsors of the event, three local New Jersey businesses, Biltmore Tuxedos, Sal Laurretta for Men and DSM.

"While it was a disappointment to cancel the event last year, we knew it was the right call. This year, we're excited to get back out there, bring the community together and have a great day in support of the veterans we serve. Our event has a lot to offer so whether someone is a golfer or not, they can participate in some capacity," said Sgt. Brett D'Alessandro, President, Backpacks For Life.

The outing will be held at one of New Jersey's premiere golf courses, North Jersey Country Club located in Wayne, NJ. The event kicks off with the veteran owned business brunch featuring a variety of local veteran owned businesses including The Mobile Cigar Lounge, Backward Flag Brewing and Black 6 Coffee. The event continues with a round of 18 holes as

well as on course activities.

"Each year we try to bring something new and exciting from within our veteran community for others to experience. With the veteran owned business brunch and our cocktail reception, we're able to highlight incredible veteran owned small businesses and help them after what was a challenging year for all. It's an honor to share the stories of successful veteran entrepreneurs," said Alexa Modero, Executive Director, Backpacks For Life.

The evening concludes with a cocktail hour reception sponsored by Bond Street Mortgage. This portion of the event is open to the public, golfers and nongolfers alike. The reception features food and beverage, a silent auction and guest speaker, US Navy SEAL veteran, Anthony Page.

For all event details, tickets and registration, visit [backpacksforlife.org/golf](http://backpacksforlife.org/golf).

Backpacks For Life is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that serves the homeless and at-risk veteran community. By regularly distributing backpacks filled with essentials to Veterans on the streets and providing mentorship to at-risk Veterans and their families, Backpacks For Life aims to bridge the gap between Veterans and the resources available to them.

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The blaring of a fire truck's siren as it approached a party, cars honking horns as they drove by, letters, cards, proclamations, flowers, and dozens of relatives and friends were part of a surprise yard party on Saturday, June 26 celebrating the 100th birthday of Edythe Claire Hansen Frank of N. 12th St., Kenilworth, NJ. Also stopping by were Mayor Linda Karlovitch and Councilman Louis De Mondo who extended personal congratulations to the birthday girl as did her minister, Father Andy Kruger, of Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranford. Edythe's actual birthday was the next day, having been born in Jersey City on June 27, 1921 to William E. and Laura Jane Silvers Hansen.

Not only does Edythe have the distinction of being a centenarian but she very well may be the oldest, and longest dues-paying Girl Scout in the United States. In 1931 at age nine she became a Brownie Scout and in 1935 a registered Girl Scout.

One of three children, Edythe married Sgt. George J. Frank on Armistice Day, 1943 while he was on short leave from the US Army during WWII. She said, "He came home on short leave and we got married." During the war she tried to enlist with the Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines and they were not taking people at that time. The Army indicated they would take her but her parents and husband asked her to reconsider. Eventually she decided to remain at home.

After WWII they lived in a Millburn apartment and ran a luncheonette. They soon had two children – George (aka "Stretch") and Laurie-Jo. The couple bought some building lots in Kenilworth on N. 12th St. for a few hundred dollars and began to erect their own home with their own labor and that of relatives and friends. Edythe remarked, "I handed him the cinder blocks and he added the mortar." At last, in 1949, they moved in and later had two more children – Sue-Ellen and Donna-Claire. George passed way in 2012 at age 91 after 68 years of marriage.

Both Edythe and George were part of Kenilworth scouting – he with the Cub Scouts



(above) Edythe Frank gives a toast at her 100th birthday party.

Photos provided by the family of Edythe Claire Frank

and she with the Brownies and then the Girl Scouts. They were scout leaders for their own children and many more from town. Edythe started out as a Brownie leader and as her daughters grew older, she became a Girl Scout leader spanning a period of 14 years from 1957 to 1971.

Edythe recalls trips to Camp Wild Cherry and the old Girl Scout cabin at the end of N. 18th and N. 19th streets adjacent to Black Brook Park. She mentioned, "There was really nothing around there at the time. There was a lot of open space." She reminisced about the wild cherry trees, poison ivy, dirt, and dust. Edythe stated, "We couldn't wait to wash off all of the dirt from camp. When we got home after day camp, the first thing we did was to shower to get rid of the dirt."

In 1995 Edythe was honored by the

Washington Rock Girl Scout Council with a 60-year service pin and again in 2005 with a 70-year pin. Still a dues-paid Girl Scout after 90 years, Edythe indicated a few years ago, "Everyone worked nicely together at Camp Wild Cherry. We really were sincere about following the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I still follow it today."

A special highlight of the day was the attendance of Natasha Hemmings, CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey. Ms. Hemmings announced that Edythe had been awarded the distinct honor of "Life Time Girl Scout," and noted that among other benefits, was that no longer would Edythe need to pay dues. With a smile, Edythe said, "So glad to be a Life Time Girl Scout as at times I was late in paying my dues. Now I don't have to worry about it."

The hostess of the party was Edythe's granddaughter, Dionne Frank, who resides next door. She is one of Edythe's 10 grandchildren. Edythe also has 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The celebration continued over to the following day with continued surprises as more relatives and friends arrived. On Sun., July 11, a third get together with old friends visiting was held in Ocean Beach, NJ where Edythe and her late husband, George, husband, had a home for over 30 years. Edythe concluded, "I never had any idea about the surprise party. I was pleased to see so many people."

Granddaughter Dionne, commented, "As a family, we are very blessed to have her with us, in good mental and physical health. Edythe is the true matriarch of the Frank Family and is always ready to dole out love and humor. The entire weekend was a surprise for Gramma so every person who walked up the driveway to greet her, made her more excited and filled with love and joy."

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Irene Laki for the Girl Scouts. Persons with inquiries about this or other aspects of Kenilworth history may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.



(above) Edythe and family, ca. 1958  
(top, l-r) Edythe; George, Sr.; and George, Jr., ("Stretch");  
(bottom, l-r) Sue-Ellen; Laurie-Jo; and Donna-Claire.



(above, left) Edythe joined the Brownie Scouts in 1931. (right) Edythe C. Frank Brownie Troop 855, 1959 Clockwise: Edythe, Jackie Clark, Sue-Ellen Frank, Peggy Curtis, and Laurie-Jo Frank Photos provided by the family of Edythe Claire Frank

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Wednesday, August 11th from 7-9pm

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Tuesday, August 17th, from 7-8:30pm

Joshua Greene, author of the newly published and critically-acclaimed book Unstoppable: Siggi B. Wilzig's Astonishing Journey from Auschwitz Survivor and Penniless Immigrant to Wall Street Legend will speak. An engaging

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#### Get Crafty with Marge!

Wednesday, August 18th at 11am

Crafting wizard Marge Barkan returns with Crafting with Marge: Make an Easy Animal Suncatcher. This will be a Facebook Premiere video. Kits with essential materials will be provided to the first 12 registered attendees. Printed sheets of paper with animal images to color in will be provided to all registered attendees. Registration required.

#### Book Talk with Librarian Debbie Abrams!

Thursday, August 19th from 11am-12pm

Get the inside scoop on what's hot and what's not in new releases and attend Book Talk with Debbie! Share your own picks and pans—or just attend and come away with a list of new books to read. Via Zoom. Registration required.

#### Trivia Night!

Friday, August 20th at 7pm

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#### Travel Back in Time!

Monday, August 23rd from 7-8pm

Join presenter Hannah Gaston for Bon Voyage: 200 Years of Luxury Travel. Hannah, the coordinator of school programs at the Liberty Hall Museum, will help you travel back in time.

Through this talk, Hannah brings to life several trips which the Livingston and Kean families took between 1780 and 1950. With the help of personal diaries and letters from family members, you'll hear the stories of the people who travelled over the span of 200 years and take a journey of luxury travel that you will never forget!

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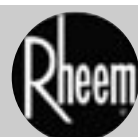
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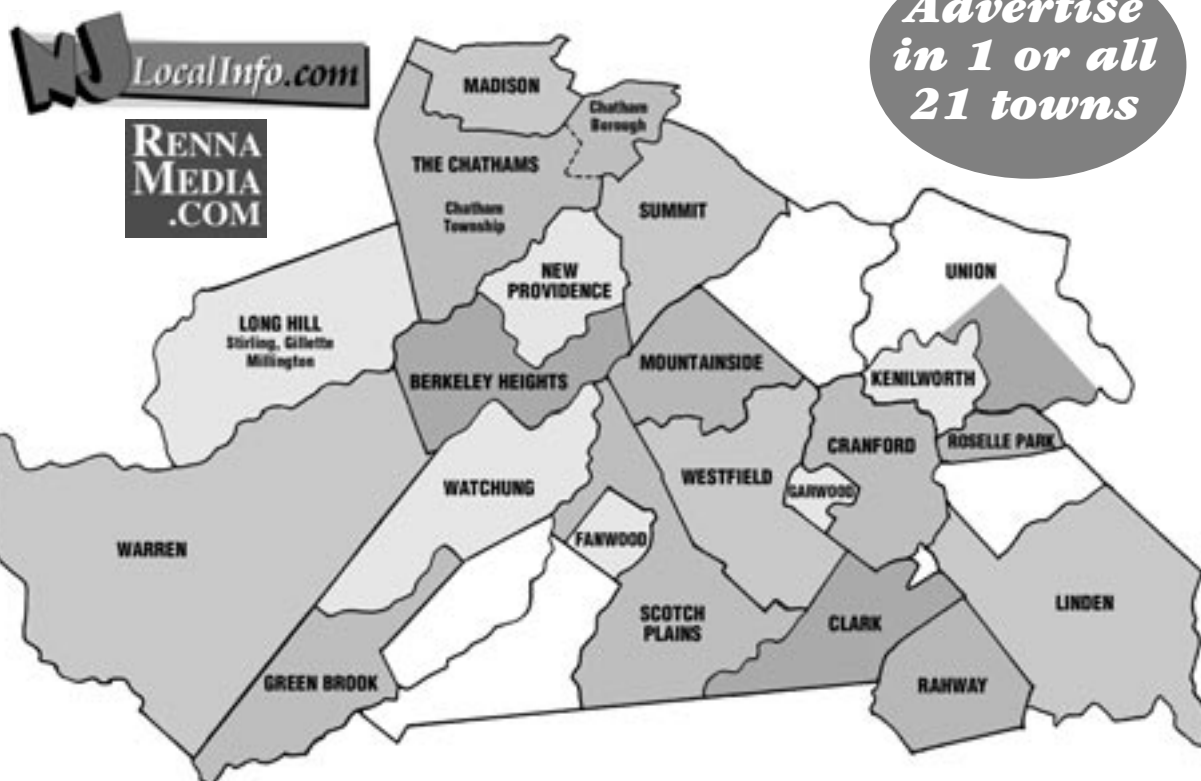
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### NEWSPAPER AD RATES

Rates are per month. Artwork included in price. Newspapers are black on white.

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							
FRONT PAGE BOX	1.5" x 4.5"	\$240							

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- **GET UNLIMITED CLICKS**  
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- **FREE AD DESIGN AND COPYWRITING**  
Advertising webpage includes many features including write-up, images, video, Google map, etc.
- **POSTS ARE SHARED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA**  
Posts shared on multiple Facebook pages and twitter.
- **PAID SEARCH ENGINE PROMOTIONS**  
Posts are promoted by industry, key words and location.
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**PER POST**  
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# WEBSITE AUDIT/ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION PLAN

- **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**  
Recommendations include ways to increase traffic to your website
- **NO OBLIGATION**  
This service is recommended even if you have an existing web management contract. Use it to tune up your marketing plan.

**ONE TIME**  
**FLAT FEE**  
**\$250**

**Call for a consultation  
if you do not have a website  
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# WEBSITE / SEO SERVICES

- **STARTER WEBSITE: \$500**  
Basic static site that can be developed further
  - **WEBSITE CREATION/UPDATE: \$2,400**  
Cost for average website: 12 pages, contact form, SEO friendly, responsive design
  - **WEBSITE HOSTING: \$300 PER YEAR**  
Includes website hosting, software updates, monthly website content updates
  - **SEO SERVICES: AVERAGE COST \$1,000 - \$2,000 PER MONTH**  
Custom tailored solutions: Google Ranking, Local SEO, Social Marketing
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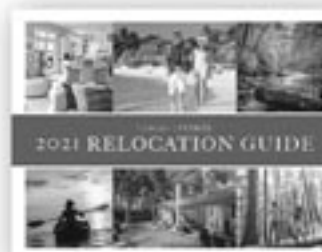
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- Talk personally with relocation experts and home builders.
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- Walking & Biking Trails
- Golf, Tennis & Pickleball
- Fine Dining & Shopping
- Boating & Kayaking

Discover your options and find  
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