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## THREE FAMILIES MADE OFFICIAL ON ADOPTION DAY

Multi-town parade includes superheroes, gift baskets and more

### CASA of Union County

The frosty morning of Nov. 19 may have been any other Friday for many, but for three Union County foster youth in Rahway, Roselle and Roselle Park, all under age three, their lives changed forever, as Union County Superior Court Judge Lara DiFabrizio granted each the consistency and stability deserved by all children, finalizing their adoptions and ending their time in the child welfare system. Each family had their own CASA volunteer working the case.

The annual event is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving and courts nationwide often celebrate National Adoption Day the business day before, or even open on Saturday, to hold adoption hearings. Here in Union County, all hearings were performed via Zoom due to Covid-19, and Judge DiFabrizio made official what each child likely already felt: they were finally home.

Despite the virtual component, those involved ensured the excitement was palpable. Upon completion of each adoption, the homes were visited by a caravan of fire trucks, police cars, court staff, law guardians and other case stakeholders, CASA of Union County staff and two of its interns suited up as Captain America and Mr. Incredible, and the bear mascot from Kenilworth's David Brearley Middle and High School. All cheered for the family, where each took their first official photo together, and the children spent time with the superheroes and school mascot.

Families received a hot breakfast donated by Urban Griddle in Elizabeth; a flower bouquet provided by Jane Phillips who, until her recent retirement, headed the Adoption Day Committee for the judiciary; and a gift basket from CASA of Union County made possible by collections of board and card games, puzzles and movie night fixings from the Kenilworth school and Summit's Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child. The latter collection was spearheaded by Desiree Mitchell, daughter of CASA volunteer Hope Mitchell, and included fleece blankets made with classmates. In addition, each child and all siblings received their own superhero dress-up costume and books



(above) Captain America and Mr. Incredible, and Kenilworth's School bear mascot visited homes of each adoption.

hand selected by the Phi Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Each family received a WalMart gift card funded by the Union County Bar Association. Costumes for CASA's interns were loaned by generous members of the Facebook Buy Nothing Group in Cranford and Garwood.

Today, more than 120,000 youth nationwide need a permanent home, with an average wait in foster care of four years. Each year, 23,000 youth age out of the system without a family or safety net in place. For details on CASA of Union County's mission, the need for volunteer advocates and how to become one, contact Lucia at [lfield@casaoofunioncounty.org](mailto:lfield@casaoofunioncounty.org) or log on to [casaoofunioncounty.org](http://casaoofunioncounty.org).

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## FIVE RUNNERS INDUCTED INTO THE 121-CLUB

Each year, the Summit High School Boys Cross Country team honors the memory and legacy of Summit Police Detective Matthew Tarentino by inducting members into the 121-club, named after Det. Tarentino's badge number. The club is reserved for runners who run faster than 17:00 in a 5k, which was the late Detective's running goal. Since its inception in 2017, fourteen Hilltoppers have joined the 121-club.

This year's inductees and their fastest 5k times are as follows:

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## SUCCESSFUL 2021 TOYS FOR TOTS HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

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The Summit Policemen's Benevolent Association #55 (PBA) and Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association #54 (FMBA) hosted the annual United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots holiday toy drive, with support from the Summit Police Department and Summit Fire Department.

An estimated 500 toys were donated this year. The toys were picked up on Tuesday,

December 14, by members of the PBA and FMBA, and delivered to the Marine Corps facility located in South Plainfield. A local transportation company generously donated the use of a truck and driver to deliver the toys.

After the toys are sorted, they will be distributed to children in need throughout Union County and the surrounding area. Toy collection bins were in Summit City Hall, the Summit Fire Department, the Department of

Community Programs, Village Trattoria, Summit High School, Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School, Peapack Gladstone Bank, The Little Gym of Summit, and Serra Doce.

The PBA and FMBA would like to thank the businesses that collected toys and citizens that donated them during this year's drive.

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The City of Summit would like to congratulate Mike D'Ecclessis on his 46 years of service to the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, making him one of the longest-serving volunteers in the history of Summit, New Jersey. Mayor Nora Radest was proud to attend his recent retirement celebration.. Join us in thanking Mike for his years of dedicated service to the Summit community. Wishing you the best in your retirement!

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## SUMMIT EMS RESPONSES — NOVEMBER 2021

*Submitted by John Staunton, Summit Volunteer EMS*

For the third time in four months, members of the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad answered over 200 emergency calls, logging 208 emergency responses in November, 2021. These calls included 116 medical emergencies: 19 falls; 33 motor vehicle accidents, including six on a highway and four patients involved in two overturned vehicle accidents; 14 traumatic injuries, including one assault; four cases of overdose or poisoning; four allergic reactions; three responses to a medical alarm, one pedestrian struck by a vehicle, one response for a burned patient, one response for cold exposure, and one response to a fire scene. Squad volunteers also provided 10 "lift assists" to patients who did not require transport to a hospital and two non-emergency ambulance transports of Summit residents.

During November, 2021, there were six occasions where all three of the squad's ambulances were answering simultaneous calls. Squad volunteers also provided coverage at Summit's "Miracle on Elm Street" and menorah lighting ceremonies, as well as, manpower for the Summit Frozen Turkey Drive.

In October, 2021, 28 emergency calls were answered by an off-duty "back-up crew" of volunteers responding from home or work when the on-duty crew was busy, and 24 emergency calls were to provide mutual aid assistance to neighboring towns. Further, 16 patients were transported to a hospital by squad members and received advanced life support care from hospital-based paramedics who accompanied the squad's ambulance.

The squad answers calls for help 24 hours a day and at a variety of locations. In November, 2021, responses included 97 to a patient's

home or apartment; 41 for accidents or medical emergencies on roads or highways; five in public buildings; one in a public park; nine at a local business; one to a daycare center; two at a religious institution; three to a recreational facility; and four to a health care professional's office. There were also seven medical incidents on sidewalks; four in parking lots; eight at Summit's Train Station; nine at a local behavioral health facility; eight at an assisted living facility; and eight on the grounds of Overlook Medical Center.

The all-volunteer First Aid Squad, who respond to emergency calls 24/7, is entirely funded through private donations and does not bill for service. The squad is always looking for new volunteers to join its ranks. All needed training, uniforms, and equipment is provided.

For information on becoming a volunteer, or donating to the squad, please call 908-277-9479, or visit their website at [summitems.org](http://summitems.org).



*(above) Three Summit ambulances outside the Overlook Medical Center Emergency Department after covering multiple simultaneous calls on November 24, 2021.*

## SING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH FREE WORKSHOPS!

Love singing? Come sing with the Hickory Tree Chorus on Wednesday evenings in January from 7 to 9 p.m. The Chorus hosts singing workshops via Zoom or in-person for fully vaccinated members and guests as covid safety protocols permit. Participants will learn more about chord-ringing, fun-filled, four-part harmony. Broadway, Beatles, and more!

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Prospective students must be residents of Summit, be toilet trained and be at least three years old by October 1, 2022.

Students will be selected for this program by lottery.

All applications must be received by the Primary Centers no later than 4 p.m. on January 19, 2022.

## UNDERSTANDING THE PLASTIC & FOAM BAN

A statewide ban on single-use carryout bags and polystyrene foam food service products will go into effect on May 4, 2022.

The law prohibits all New Jersey stores, food service businesses, and grocery stores from selling single-use plastic carryout bags. In addition, grocery stores larger than 2,500 square feet may not provide or sell single-use paper carryout bags, and instead must provide or sell only reusable carryout bags.

The new law also prohibits all persons and food service businesses from selling any polystyrene foam food service product or selling any food served in a polystyrene foam food service product.

Certain products are exempt until May 4, 2024, such as meat and fish trays for raw or butchered meat. There are no exemptions for 501 (c)(3) organizations in the statewide ban.

Though similar ordinances have existed in Summit since January 1, 2021, the statewide law will supersede local ordinances. For more information, please visit the city of Summit's website at [cityofsummit.org](http://cityofsummit.org).

## HELP! I FOUND A WILD BIRD

The Raptor Trust is a 501(c)3 organization that provides free medical care to thousands of injured and orphaned wild birds each year.

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## ART SHOW IS LOOKING FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

The Summit Free Public Library and The Summit Library Chinese Club are hosting their second annual art show.

Young artists from Summit and around the region are invited to participate in the Summit Free Public Library's 2022 Chinese New Year Art Show! The theme of this year's art show is Feast! So, put on your thinking caps, and try to see how you can create a piece of artwork around that theme.

### HERE ARE THE RULES:

Entrants must be a student enrolled in Kindergarten thru 8th grade, or an equivalent grade, and must live in Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Madison, Millburn/Short Hills, Mountainside, Springfield, and Westfield

Each participant may only enter one (1) piece.

Works of crayons, pastels, water colors, oil paints, acrylic paints, ink, pencil, mixed media, etc. are all accepted.

Works may be created on letter-sized paper (8.5×11) or 11×14 paper.

Please drop off your work at the Summit Free Public Library (75 Maple Street, Summit, NJ 07901) between January 1st, 2022 and January 16th, 2022 during regular library hours. Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m., January 16th, 2022.

By entering this event, you are granting Summit Free Public Library and the Chinese Club the right to display your artwork in the library (or the Summit Community Center), and/or post your name, age, city, and the image of your artwork on our website and social media pages.

If you have any further questions about the Chinese New Year Art Show, please contact us at [SummitChineseClub@gmail.com](mailto:SummitChineseClub@gmail.com).

If you submit a work, it will be hung on the bulletin boards at the Summit Free Public Library from January 16 thru February 20, 2022.



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But that's not how it went. Joe Montana had to hire a quarterback coach to help his son be a better football player. Here's possibly the greatest NFL QB of all time, needing to hire someone else to help his son. It was not that Joe Montana was not equipped for the job...it was that his son needed a second voice to help him get to the next level.

Many parents who have much less knowledge, experience, and skills than Joe Montana are in the same boat in regards to helping their kids get stronger, faster, and more confident.

Most parents we've come across want their kids to eat healthier, be more active, and have a stronger mindset. But many have told us they need help.

Even with the constant reminders of telling their kids to eat more vegetables, get outside instead of watching TV, practice their sport more, get to bed earlier...they find that sometimes the message falls on deaf ears...and some backup would be helpful toward their vision of helping their kid be the best they can be.

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And after they come through our program, parents tell how it's turbocharging their parenting. Here are some real-life examples that have been reported...

Before, parents struggled with getting kids to eat vegetables...now their kids are asking for more.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to get enough sleep....now their kids are getting to bed earlier on their own.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to watch less TV or play video games...now they are limiting these activities because they've learned they don't really help them become better athletes.

Before, parents struggled with helping their kids have more confidence...now their kids are doing things out of their comfort zone more often which is helping them believe in themselves which further improves self-esteem.

Before, parents had no clue how to help their kid get faster...now they are faster because they've learned that speed is a skill, and a few simple tweaks can make a kid faster immediately.

Before, parents could not get their kids to make their beds...now their kid makes their

bed each morning on their own because they learned that making their bed in the morning helps them have a better day.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to do even one good push-up...now they catch them in their room practicing on their own.

Before, parents wanted their kids to have more determination and grit when training new things...now they are staying calm under pressure and seeking out challenges instead of avoiding them.

Many times it's not about telling your kid to eat more vegetables or stop watching TV...but rather finding the right environment for them to be more successful.

Right in your backyard, there's a team of great coaches waiting to be second voices for your kids...so that all the things you're teaching as parents will be reinforced. But most importantly, the results you're after for your kids will actually become a reality. The Grit Athlete winter Sports Performance session starts on January 3rd in Berkeley Heights NJ, visit [www.gritathletes.com](http://www.gritathletes.com) to fill out an application for your child.

*Grit Athlete Performance is a Sports Performance Training Company located in Berkeley Heights that helps kids ages 6-18 get strong, fast, and confident so they can have a bigger and better future. They have just released the dates for their winter program that starts on January 3rd. Visit [www.gritathletes.com](http://www.gritathletes.com) to register for their winter session...or see below for more details...*

## SPORTS PERFORMANCE TRAINING FOR KIDS AGES 6-18 STARTS JANUARY 3rd (9 SPACES REMAINING)

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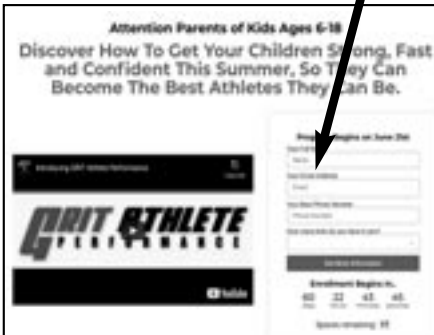
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Attention Parents of Kids Ages 6-18

**UPDATE: THE GRIT ATHLETE  
PERFORMANCE WINTER PROGRAM  
HAS ONLY 9 SPACES REMAINING**

Give us 12 weeks with your kids and we'll have them stronger, faster, and more confident...guaranteed.

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- Steve Hughes, Grit Athlete Parent
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- Christine Stramandinoli, Grit Athlete Parent
- “His confidence has shot up in the last few months...and has carried forward to the way he approaches other activities like sports and schoolwork. My son is now making his bed daily and exercising every day.”  
- Catherine Solfaro, Grit Athlete Parent

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## FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MENORAH LIGHTING

*Submitted by Larry Holt*

On the evening of Tuesday, November 30th, the third of the eight days of Hanukkah, Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence and the three synagogues of Summit; Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center, Temple Sinai, and Congregation Beth Hatikvah, lit the third candle of the Menorah on the lawn of Faith. This was the fifteenth consecutive year that Faith and the synagogues have partnered in the lighting of the Hanukkah Menorah at Faith, which is located at 524 South Street, New Providence, NJ. Accompanying the Menorah during each of the years has been a sign, "In Celebration with our Jewish Brothers and Sisters."

The lighting ceremony began with a welcome from Rev. Jane McCready, Pastor of Faith. She expressed her gratitude to the people from the four congregations in attendance and particularly greeted Rabbi Avi Friedman of Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish

Community Center and Rabbi Erin Glazer of Temple Sinai. Pastor McCready stated her appreciation for the long-term friendship Faith has had with the synagogues.

Rabbi Avi Friedman thanked Pastor McCready and Faith for again hosting the lighting ceremony and communicated the synagogues' great happiness that this extraordinary tradition continues. He said that Hanukkah celebrates the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem after the Maccabees, a small Jewish army, conquered the powerful Seleucid Army through guerrilla tactics. On the day of their liberation, the Maccabees could only find a small jug of uncontaminated oil that would light their Menorah for just one day. Miraculously, the oil lasted for eight days, the time needed to procure more uncontaminated oil.

Rabbi Friedman said that the Maccabees' Menorah should signify light and hope for us, as we navigate these difficult times.

A pamphlet of Hanukkah songs was distributed to all. The cantors of the three

synagogues led everyone in the singing of the songs; a few were serious, most were fun. The cantors were Janet Ilene Roth of Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center, Marina Shemesh of Temple Sinai, and Steve Wetter of Congregation Beth Hatikvah.

Rabbi Erin Glazer expressed her appreciation to Pastor McCready and Faith for conducting the lighting ceremony with the three synagogues. She praised that the tradition has occurred for fifteen years and will continue. The members of the synagogues are grateful for the friendship and recognition by Faith.

As the ceremony adjourned, there were many good wishes of Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas.

For more information visit: Faith Lutheran - [famfaith.org](http://famfaith.org); Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center - [summitjcc.org](http://summitjcc.org); Temple Sinai - [templesinainj.org](http://templesinainj.org); Congregation Beth Hatikvah - [bethhatikvah.org](http://bethhatikvah.org)



(above, l-r) Cantors; Marina Shemesh of Temple Sinai, Janet Ilene Roth of Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center, and Steve Wetter of Beth Hatikvah, led the Hanukkah songs.

(above, l-r) Cantor Janet Ilene Roth of Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center, Pastor Jane McCready of Faith Lutheran, Rabbi Erin Glazer of Temple Sinai, Rabbi Avi Friedman of Congregation Ohr Shalom-Summit Jewish Community Center, and Mayor Al Morgan of New Providence



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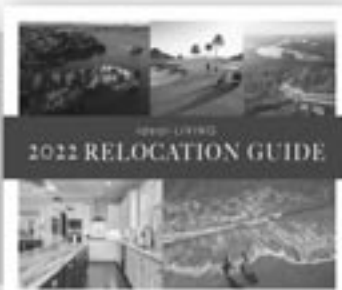
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## CITY OF SUMMIT NOTIFICATIONS

City of Summit

Citizens can stay up to date and informed on city news and events by signing up to receive notifications from the City of Summit. Choose from email and text alerts on a variety of different categories such as parking, construction alerts, road closures, community events, and recycling and trash collection updates. Visit [cityofsummit.org/notifications](http://cityofsummit.org/notifications) to get started.

The City of Summit also uses SwiftReach Swift 9-1-1, which provides emergency information by telephone, text, fax, and email about city-wide, high-priority events. Emergency notifications will be sent from 908-608-8051. To get started visit:

[cityofsummit.org/215/Emergency-Management](http://cityofsummit.org/215/Emergency-Management)

Further, the Summit Police Department issues Nixle alerts, which provide important, event-related information by telephone, email, and text message, as well as through the Nixle website. To receive text alerts, residents can text 07901 to

## SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES

As the new year begins, we ring in the possibility of more snow in the coming months. When clearing snow from cars, driveways, or other areas on residential properties, please do not push it into roadways. Residents should treat icy sidewalks and remove snow within 24 hours of the end of snowfall, and if possible, clear snow around fire hydrants. A path should be cleared for crews to access garbage cans. More information on snow removal priorities and how the city plows is available at [cityofsummit.org/snow](http://cityofsummit.org/snow).

## CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Curbside Christmas tree collection began on Sunday, December 26, 2021 and is continuing through Friday, January 28, 2022. All ornaments, lights, and decorations must be removed, as well as trees should be removed from plastic bags. Residents should place garlands and wreaths in or next to trash cans; they will be picked up with trash collection. There are no specific pickup dates or times for Christmas trees. Please do not report a concern about tree pickup until after January 28, 2022.

# SUMMIT LIBRARY JANUARY PROGRAMS

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### Monday at the Movies!

Every Monday at 12:30 & 6:30 PM

Check the library website

[www.summitlibrary.org](http://www.summitlibrary.org) for details.

### Trivia Night

Friday, January 7th from 7-8:30 PM

Mary Piekarski will be hosting her popular Trivia Night! G-rated fun for adults. Zoom only. Registration required.

### Jumpstart your January Decluttering

Saturday, January 8th from 3-4 PM

keep your New Year's resolution to get organized by joining expert organizer Jamie Novak when she shares ten tiny tasks to Jumpstart your January Decluttering. Give yourself a fresh start for 2022. Log on and get your 10 tiny, tidy-up assignments plus, Jamie will guide you through your first mini task live during the program. Zoom only. Registration required.

### The Life and Legacy of Leonard Cohen

Tuesday, January 11 from 7-8:30 PM

learn about the life and legacy of Leonard Cohen and how his background influenced his music, lyrics, religion, politics, spirituality, and intimate relationships. Rabbi Hannah Orden of Congregation Beth Hatikvah in Summit and local author Pamela Erens will interview Professor Marcia Pally about her recent book on Leonard Cohen. Musician Judah Goldman will perform some of Cohen's most iconic songs. In person only. Registration required.

### Strength Classes for Seniors

Wednesday, January 12 from 9:30-10:00 AM

Certified Senior Strength Training Instructor Leena Kalle begins another 6-session weekly classes designed to help seniors increase muscle tone, flexibility, balance, strength and endurance using easy-to-follow movements. Online only. Registration required.

### Book Discussion with Author Melanie Curtis

Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 PM

Author Melanie Curtis will discuss her book, How to Fly: Life Lessons from a Professional Skydiver.

### Small Business & Entrepreneurs' Group

Tuesday, January 18 9:30-11:00 AM

Are you a local business owner or entrepreneur who wants to network with others? Join the Small Business & Entrepreneurs' Group. Meet, share, learn, and get feedback and encouragement from others who share your interests and goals.

### Book Talk with Debbie

Thursday, January 20th from 11 am-12 PM

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

### Virtual Tour Along Route 66

Thursday, January 20th from 7-8 PM

Join historian Leslie Goddard on Zoom for a nostalgic virtual tour along Route 66, the iconic road that linked Chicago to Los Angeles from 1926 until its closing in the 1980s. Registration required.

### Meet Author Dr. Carl Giordano

Tuesday, January 25 at 7:00 PM

Meet Dr. Carl Giordano, author of Shoot the Moon: The True Story of a Look Behind the Curtain of Medical School and Residency...and Surviving the Worst in Life. He'll talk about what becoming a doctor is really like.

## PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

### Winter Bingo

December 26-February 28

Complete the items on the bingo boards in the Children's Room. You will get a prize for every bingo you earn. Across, up, down, or diagonal.

### Chinese New Year Art Show Submissions

January 1-16

For more information visit:

<https://www.summitlibrary.org/2022-art-show/>

### Martin Luther King Book Discussion

Monday, January 17 at 2 PM

Stamped for Kids. at The Connection. A partnership between the Connection and the Summit Free Public Library.

### Preschool and Elementary

### Weekly Programs Resume

Tuesday, January 18, 2021

### Hot Cocoa and Karaoke

Friday January 21 at 3 PM.

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### Chinese New Year Celebration

Sunday, January 30 at 2 PM

at the Summit Community Center

## PROGRAMS FOR TEENS:

### Chess Corner

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### Snakes & Scales

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# GARY LEWIS SET TO RETIRE IN JANUARY 2022

### City of Summit

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“Congratulations to Gary Lewis on a long and distinguished career,” says Summit Mayor, Nora Radest. “He has led the building department with great honor and dedication, managing a tremendous and growing volume of calls, permit applications and inspections. His profound expertise and wealth of experience has ensured the safety, health, and welfare of all persons and property in Summit. I wish Gary all the best in his well-deserved retirement.”

Gary Lewis is past President of the NJ Fire Prevention & Protection Association, and the current Chairperson of the International Building Code General Development Committee as well as the Montville Planning Board. He served as Chairman of the National Ad Hoc Committee on terrorism resistant building following the September 11th attacks.

Further, Lewis is the 2017 recipient of the International Code Council Fire Service Award. In 2019, he was conferred an honorary lifetime membership in the ICC. Lewis is a member of the Society of Fire Protection Engineers Technical Standards Committee and has been inducted into the National Fire Sprinkler Association Area Two Hall of Fame. Also, he was named NJ Inspector of the Year in 1992.

“Summit has undergone significant changes since 1992, and the level of private and corporate reinvestment in homes and commercial buildings is nothing short of amazing to me,” explains Lewis. “Throughout my time in Summit, I experienced tremendous, unwavering support for safe buildings and code enforcement from both city management and elected officials. It is unusual to find, and I greatly appreciate being able to effectively ensure the highest safety standards possible for the Summit community.”

Lewis is a 1981 graduate of Rutgers University and currently lives in Montville with his wife, Lisa.



(above) City of Summit Construction Official, Gary Lewis

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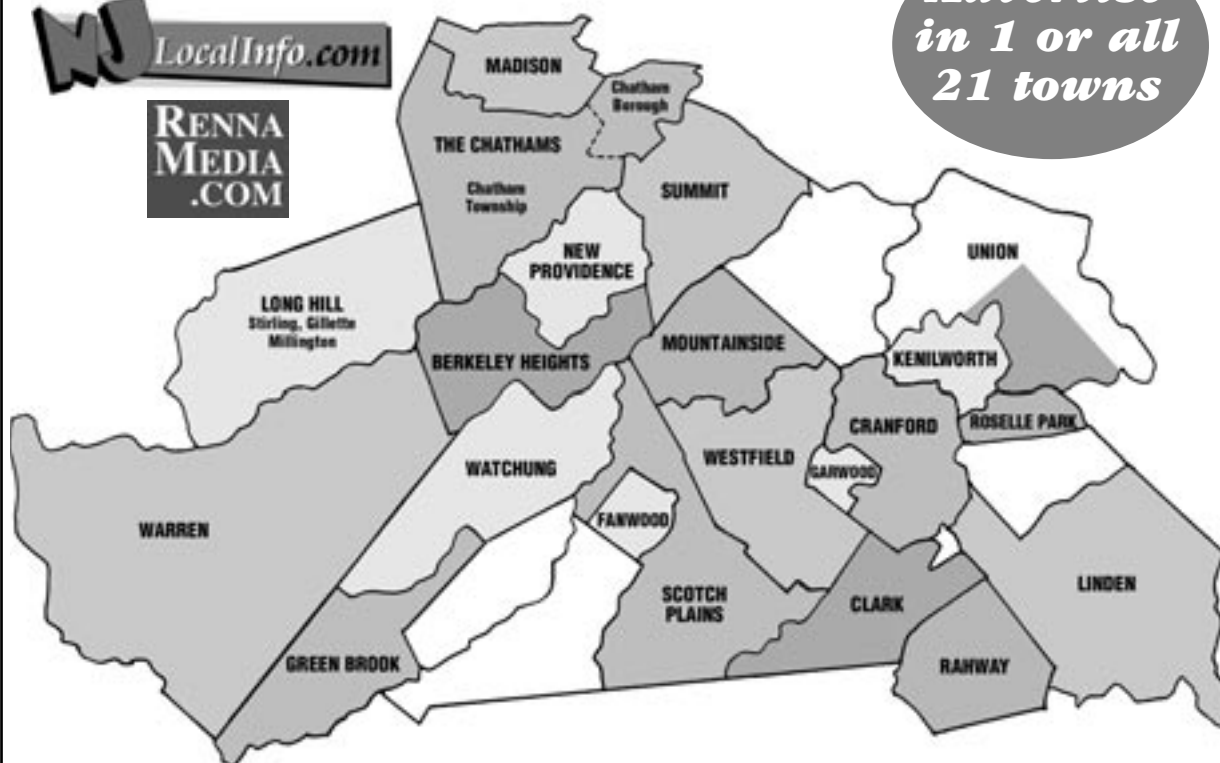
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## KENILWORTH CHESS CLUB IS BACK ON BOARD

The Kenilworth Chess Club resumed meeting on November 11, 2021, after twenty months of being closed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Club President Jack McCorkell of Cranford held a "Welcome Back Tournament" to celebrate. The casual unrated tournament excited members, and even some new arrivals, who were itching to play "over the board" again. The three-week tournament ended in a tie for first place between Hanna Malko of Clark and Joe Renna of Cranford.

The club was formed in 1972 amid the chess craze in America spearheaded by Bobby Fischer's march to the world championship. For 45 years the club was a force to be reckoned with as its member roster included many Master level players, including state champions.

The club has a reputation for being friendly and accommodating. It welcomes non-members with no obligation or cost. It's a place where beginners can learn in a casual setting without being intimidated. Strong players are generous with their time in analyzing and giving instruction.

The club's website, [kenilworthchessclub.org](http://kenilworthchessclub.org), is well read and features an award-winning blog by Michael Goeller and other instructional features.

Players are welcome to just pop into the Kenilworth Chess Club with no formalities every Thursday evening at 8 p.m. at the Kenilworth Community Center located next to Kenilworth Borough Hall on the Boulevard and the corner of 24th Street.



(above, l-r) Brandon Verno of Kenilworth, John Moldovan of Garwood, Hannah Malko of Clark, Jack McCorkell of Cranford, Mark Shoengold and Louis Leiggi of Colonia analyze a critical position during the post mortem of Welcome Back Tournament game between Verno and Leiggi held at the Kenilworth Chess Club.

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