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FAMILY FUN NIGHT – JUNE 8

City of Summit

The annual Family Fun Night (FFN) event hosted by Summit Downtown (SDI) is back and better than ever, with a carnival-themed kid zone set to transform Beechwood Road and Bank Street on Thursday, June 8 from 4-8 p.m. The event promises to be a fun-filled evening for the whole family with an exciting lineup of activities and entertainment. All activities are free and include promotions and interactions from many of downtown Summit's family friendly businesses.

This year's Family Fun Night will feature a main stage at the top of Beechwood Road near Springfield Avenue with interactive entertainment and live kid-themed music. "We are thrilled to have some amazing talent lined up for this year's event, including a liquid nitrogen show, Zumbini with Allie, Jumpin' Jamie and Fishmarket Stew," said SDI's Assistant Director Amanda Lynn. The evening will also include a petting zoo, reptile exhibit, face painting, henna art, remote control car racing and much more!

The Bank Street Parking Lot will be home to Healthy Kids' Corner with various activities hosted by the Summit YMCA and more by The Connection. Kids can look forward to tons of fun games and activities, including face painting, Exercise-for-Books, The Bubble Bus, and more. "Healthy Kids' Corner is all about promoting healthy habits and activities for kids," said Allison Zeimann from the Summit YMCA.

Bank Street will be the Food and Game Truck Alley once again, offering a wide variety of local favorites and sweet treats and the ever-popular Mobile X Game truck. This year's new food options include Kettle Corn and fresh donuts by Mo' Dough, and yummy empanadas from Anita's Baked Wonders. "We are excited to bring some new food vendors to the event, offering a range of tasty options for everyone," said Lynn.

The event is free and open to the public, and SDI is expecting a large turnout. The event could not be presented without their generous sponsors, including Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Brownie Points Bakery and Lois Schneider Real Estate. "Family Fun Night is a great way for families to come together and enjoy an evening of fun and entertainment in downtown Summit," said Nancy Adams, Executive Director of SDI. "And to grab dinner afterwards at one of our many delicious restaurant destinations."

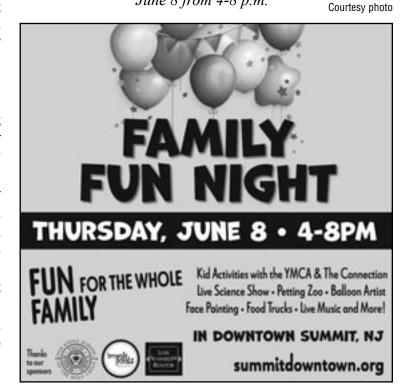
For more information about Family Fun Night, visit the event website: summitdowntown.org/ events/family-fun-night/

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Imagine trained a wonderful new group of September 10th. volunteer facilitators recently. The group attended a training from April 1-3 from 9 .m.- 5 p.m. each

If you're a high school age youth interested in training to join our team of youth facilitators that co-facilitate Imagine's children's groups, please visit our website at imaginenj.org where you'll find a link to register for our training on

Imagine has a current team of 81 incredible volunteers facilitating 36 groups on 5 Nights of Support. We're so grateful for this wonderful team of facilitators who create safe spaces where Imagine's participants can share their stories and receive support following a loss. This amazing community of volunteers is helping Imagine ensure that no one grieves alone.

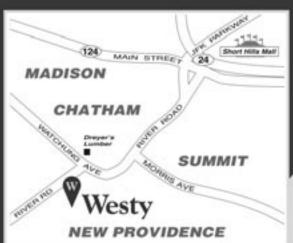


(above) Imagine's newest group of facilitators Mike D., Morganville; Reenie H., Westfield; Marissa C., Cranford; Nicole H., Maplewood, Maria S., Somerset; Ron F., Summit.



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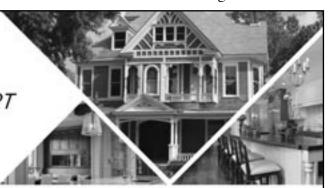


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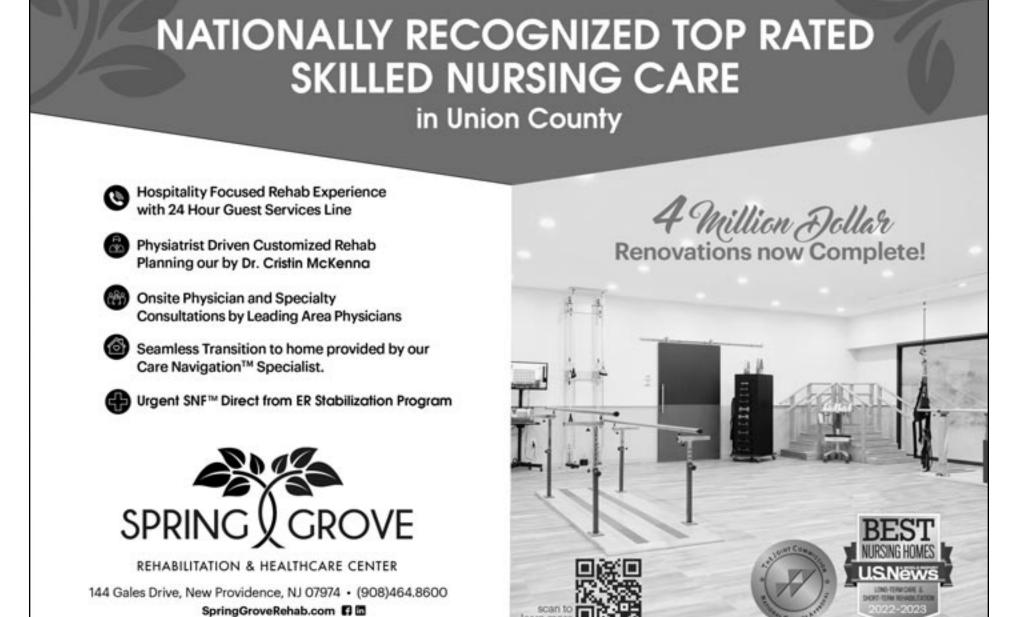
Summit (CCS) joined forces with members a \$4,000 grant from the Elks National of the Summit Elks Club to tie the fringe Foundation. Elk members also generously from all faiths and backgrounds that are ends on fleece baby blankets. Sixty-five gifted baby clothing, towels, baby shampoo, joined with the purpose to help under-

On March 27, the Christ Child Society of blankets. The Elks Club presented CCS with necessities.

CCS is a group of dedicated volunteers volunteers assembled and finished 250 lotion, baby wipes, and other infant resourced children and their families.



(above) Christ Child Society of Summit blanket chair, Theresa Sweeny; president, Christine Murray; Kathy Preacher from the Elks club presenting the check, and CCS layette chairs, Sue Huffman Flannery and Sarah Walker.





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SUMMIT POLICE OFFICERS PARTICIPATE IN POLICE UNITY TOUR

City of Summit

Officer Sean Thompson participated in the Police Unity Tour, a four-day bicycle ride from New Jersey to Washington, D.C. The Police Unity Tour was formed in 1997 and its mission is to raise public awareness about law enforcement officers who have died in the line

Summit Police Officer Keith Kwiatek and with hundreds of law enforcement officers to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Members from the Summit Police Department joined them as they departed on Tuesday, May 9, from Parsippany, NJ. Former Summit Police Captain Rick Proctor and Victoria Proctor, wife of former Summit Police Detective Matthew

Officer Kwiatek and Officer Thompson rode Tarentino, joined them in Somerville, NJ. Officer Kwiatek and Officer Thompson arrived in Washington D.C. on Friday, May 12, after completing the last leg of the ride from Annapolis, MD, alongside members of the Westfield, Cranford, Roselle Park, and Springfield police departments.

> For more information on the Police Unity Tour, please visit policeunitytour.com.



(above) Summit Police Officer Keith Kwiatek and Officer Sean Thompson participated in the Police Unity Tour, a four-day bicycle ride from New Jersey to Washington, D.C.

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(above) Jaylynn Morrison

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HAPPY 101ST BIRTHDAY JAYLYNN MORRISON

Jaylynn Morrison recently celebrated his 101st over 65 years. birthday surrounded by friends at SAGE Eldercare. Born in 1922, Jaylynn grew up listening to his parents' wise words and following their advice. He believed that being a good person and taking care of oneself were the keys to a long and happy life. He spent his childhood listening to jazz music and watching monster movies. He was always fascinated by the world around him and loved to learn new things.

Jaylynn graduated from Morningside High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Johnson C. Smith University. During his time at JCSU, he played on the basketball and tennis teams. He earned the nickname "Speedy" because of his calm and slow-moving demeanor. He quickly became one of the team's stars.

After graduation, Morrison moved to Newark, and married the love of his life, Louise. Both were public school teachers in Newark. Jaylynn taught math and science and became a beloved teacher among his students. He made complex concepts easy to understand. And his willingness to go the extra mile to help his students succeed. After their careers as teachers, they retired and traveled the world, went on several cruises and enjoyed going to sporting events, playing tennis and gardening. They shared a life together for

A man of many passions, Jaylynn had a gift for sports and loved to coach basketball and teach tennis to children. He believed that sports could teach valuable life lessons, and he was always eager to pass on his knowledge to the next generation. Despite his busy schedule, Jaylynn always was available for his favorite foods. He loves nothing more than a plate of sweet, juicy corn on the cob. Ice cream, his favorite dessert, usually concludes his meals.

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(above, l-r) Yenni Gonzalez-Chacon and Melina Garcia

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Yenni Gonzalez-Chacon and Melina Garcia each will receive more than \$24,000 over four years in college. This fall, Yenni will attend Drew University in Madison, NJ, and Melina will attend the Michael Graves College School of Public Architecture at Kean University in Union, NJ

ESS scholarships support motivated college bound student(s) with financial need whose parents/guardians are not familiar with the current college process. Students have a strong academic record (3.2+ GPA) and character, are involved in school activities, and plan on attending 4 years of college or university.

"By providing more than \$6,000 of aid for

each of a student's four years in college, the ESS scholarships are designed to bring a four-year degree within reach for talented students with financial need," said Dana Turk, president of The Summit Foundation.

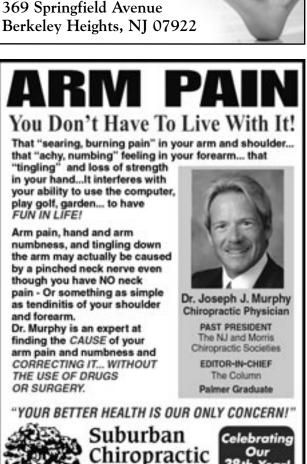
ESS scholarship recipients are notified of their selection prior to national college decision day on May 1 so that they can incorporate the award amounts into their college decision process.

The Summit Foundation will award more than \$100,000 to 43 students this year.

For more information about the Elevating Summit Students scholarship, email scholarships@summitforever.org or visit summitforever.org.

The Summit Foundation serves the community by growing and granting philanthropic resources to address local needs. In the past 10 years, it has invested \$9.6 million through grants, scholarships, community-supported funds, and donor-advised distributions.





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In 2022, Main Street America programs generated \$6.2 billion in local reinvestment, helped open 7,657 net new businesses, facilitated the creation of 29,174 net new jobs, catalyzed the rehabilitation of 10,688 historic buildings, and leveraged 1,528,535 volunteer hours. On average, for every dollar that a Main Street program spent to support their operations, it generated \$24.07 of new investment back into their downtown communities.

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Summit Downtown's performance is annually evaluated by Main Street New Jersey, which works in partnership with Main Street America to identify the local programs that meet rigorous national performance standards. To quality for Accreditation status, communities must meet a set of demanding standards that include commitments to building grassroots revitalization programs, fostering strong public-private partnerships, nurturing economic opportunity for small businesses and entrepreneurs, and actively preserving historic places, spaces, and cultural assets.

SDI manages the downtown district assisting businesses new and old as needed, advocating for the downtown with the city and collaborating on beautification projects, offering façade grants to business and property owners, producing retail and promotional events throughout the year, actively marketing and advertising individual businesses and the downtown as a whole, and of course running the best Farmers Market in the state. SDI's Executive Director and Assistant Director (Nancy Adams and Amanda Lynn, respectively) regularly use the Main Street Collectively, 2 million people live or work Approach in their work as a comprehensive

Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) has been within the boundaries of designated Main Street strategy to improve and maintain an economically solid business district. Follow Summit Downtown on Facebook and Instagram for updated information downtown.

> "We are lucky to have experienced and knowledgeable staff and a great volunteer Board of Trustees running SDI," says Board Chair Bob Conway, owner of Brownie Points Bakery downtown. "Their commitment to the downtown shows in the work they do that results in a beautiful and strong downtown district that in 2021 was honored by the NJ Chapter of the American Planning Association as one of the Great Places in New Jersey."

ABOUT SUMMIT DOWNTOWN, INC.

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

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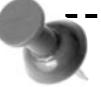
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SUMMIT LIBRARY TO UNVEIL NEW BOOK BIKE

The Summit Free Public Library is excited to announce the unveiling of its new Book Bike this spring. This innovative mobile library will offer a unique way for children, teens, and adults to access popular books, library services, and technology at various community events in Summit.

The Book Bike, generously funded by the Summit Free Public Library Foundation, will be making appearances throughout the year, including at Summit's Family Fun Night on Thursday, June 8, and the Summit Farmers'



(above) The Book Bike will be making appearances throughout the year, including at Summit's Family Fun Night on Thursday, June 8, and the Summit Farmers' Market on Sunday, June 11.

Courtesy photo

Market on Sunday, June 11. Designed for both convenience and accessibility, the modern Book Bike features a clever cargo tricycle frame that incorporates the latest in high tech communications, electric motor assist kits, and appealing visual design, along with exceptional cycling performance and book hauling capabilities.

"The Book Bike will help us to reach new audiences and bring materials and services to those who may not have had the opportunity to experience the public library," said Amy Behr-Shields, Director. "The Book Bike is a fun way to show the evolving face of the public library, while also promoting healthy and sustainable living."

Inside the Bike, an adjustable L-shaped bookshelf and open floor space provide two levels of book display. The lowest level is the perfect height for children to browse materials, while the upper level is at a comfortable height for adults. In addition to its book offerings, the Book Bike features a colorful umbrella, as well as a WiFi hotspot, enabling library staff to create new library cards and check out materials on site.

Keep an eye out for the Summit Free Public Library's Book Bike, bringing literature and technology to the community in a fun and engaging way.

The Summit Free Public Library is located at 75 Maple Street, Summit, NJ.

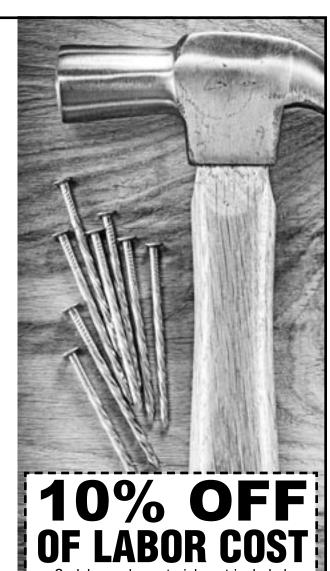


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JUNE 6 PRIMARY ELECTION

The Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 6.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SUMMIT WARDS AND DISTRICTS:

- Ward 1 District 1 at Summit Community Center, Investor's Bank Gym on 100 Morris Avenue.
- Ward 1 District 3, 4, 5, 6 at Lincoln Hubbard School gym on 52 Woodland Avenue.
- Ward 1 District 2, 11, 12 at Summit High School Auxiliary Gym on 125 Kent Place Boulevard.
- Ward 1 District 7, 8, 9, 10 at Washington School gym on 507 Morris Avenue.
- Ward 2 District 1, 2, 3 at Summit Community Center, Investor's Bank Gym on 100 Morris Avenue.
- Ward 2 District 4, 6, 7 at Summit Middle School on 272 Morris Avenue, gym entrance on Summit Avenue (Handicap accessible entrance on Oakland Place).
- Ward 2 District 5 and 10 at Cornog Field House on 5 Myrtle Avenue.
- Ward 2 District 8 at Vito A. Gallo Senior Building, Community Room, 12 Chestnut Ave. Broad St entrance.
- Ward 2 District 11 at St. John's Lutheran Church on 587 Springfield Avenue, Hinman Hall.
- Ward 2 District 9, 12, 13 at Franklin School on 136 Blackburn Road. Entrance to gym on Warwick Road. For more information on the Primary Election visit: cityofsummit.org/elections

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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- Background check required For more information - please contact Amanda Gonzalez, CRT Coordinator via email at:

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF SUMMIT

hosted its annual Baby Shower in the Memorial Hall of St. Teresa of Avila Church on April 19, 2023. CCS provides layettes and diapers to families who cannot otherwise afford them. Through the generosity of its members, CCS will now be serving families from the time their babies are born with a \$25,000 donation to the

The Christ Child Society of Summit (CCS) Overlook Foundation in support of the hospital's renovation of its maternity ward. The newly remodeled center will have a patient room with a plaque stating "Christ Child Society of Summit - dedicated to serving the needs of children and families in the community." 55% of maternity patients at Overlook Hospital are from disadvantaged backgrounds.

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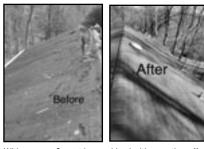






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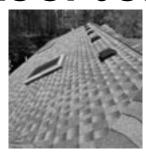
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of Summit Department of The City Community Programs will hold its annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony on Monday, May 29, at 10 a.m. The parade honors the men and women who have lost their lives in military service to our country. It will begin at 25 Deforest Ave. and proceed to the Village Green.

Sponsored by the Summit Memorial Day Committee and the Summit Fourth of July and Celebration Committee, the parade will be led by members of the Summit American Legion Post #322. The Summit High School marching band, Summit Police Department, Summit Fire Department, Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, and scout troops will also march in the parade.

All Summit civic, non-profit, and school groups are encouraged to make creative posters and displays and march along with veterans in the parade. Upon arrival at the Village Green, all



registered groups will be invited to be judged by a group of veterans who will select the most patriotic group display. The winning group will receive a pizza party for up to 30 people. All participating organizations should line up in the parking lot behind 25 Deforest Avenue at 9:30AM.

Spectators are encouraged to gather on Deforest Avenue, Beechwood Road, Union Place, and along Maple Street to the Village Green. Flags will be distributed to the crowd by veterans along the parade route, donated by local business Annin & Co. Veterans who are unable to march may request a ride in the parade; please meet members of the American Legion at the start of the parade route at 25 Deforest Ave. to request assistance.

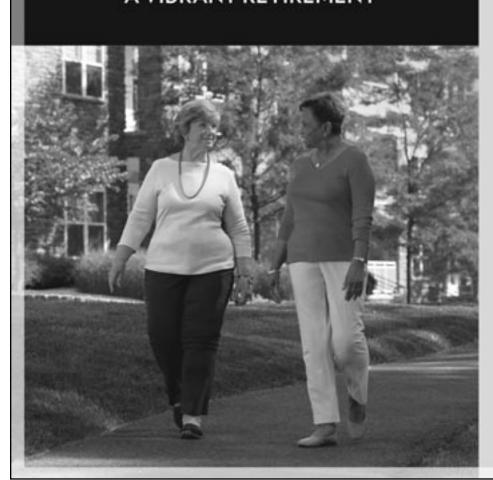
The ceremony on the Village Green will feature music from the Summit High School marching band, a rifle salute and wreath-laying, and a special performance of Taps. A Summit Veteran Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented by Mayor Nora Radest, followed by readings from local students. Veterans who attend ceremony will receive a commemorative coin in recognition of, and appreciation for, their service. Free hot dogs and cold drinks will be served on the Village Green courtesy of the Summit Elks Lodge.

To register your organization to march in the David parade, contact Guida dguidajr@cityofsummit.org or 908-277-2932.

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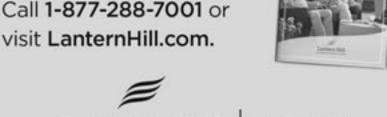


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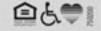
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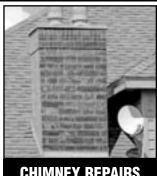




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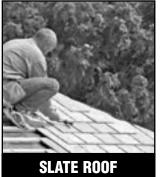
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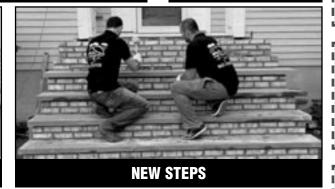
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SUMMIT HAS PRIDE EVENT - JUNE 2

The Summit Department of Community Programs is hosting its annual LGBTQ+ Pride Month event, Summit Has Pride, on Friday, June 2, from 6 – 9 p.m. on the Village Green, located at 356 Broad Street in Summit.

Summit Has Pride celebrates the LGBTQ+ community in Summit and surrounding areas. The event will begin at 6 p.m. with a family-friendly drag show featuring local drag queen Kamila and guests, followed by a musical performance by Summit resident and former The Voice television series contestant Sabrina Dias at

6:45 p.m. and the Boy Band Project in concert at 7:15 p.m.

The event will include educational displays from organizations serving the LGBTQ+ community. There will be special art activities, a temporary tattoo booth, and more. The event is free and open to all members of the public.

For more information, please visit summitcommunityprograms.com. To become involved as a sponsor or non-profit vendor, please contact David Guida at dguidajr@cityofsummit.org.

SELF-DEFENSE CLASS FOR WOMEN - JUNE 28

The Summit Police Department is offering a self-defense class for women ages 16 to 60. The class will be taught by Summit Police Department officers and held on Wednesday, June 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School gymnasium.

The self-defense class will provide valuable information for women on how to stay safe and protect themselves in dangerous situations. Participants will learn practical self-defense techniques that can be used in real-life scenarios. The class is designed for women of all fitness levels.

"We believe that it is important for women to have the skills and knowledge to protect themselves," said Chief Steven Zagorski. "This self-defense class is an opportunity to learn practical techniques that could potentially save lives."

To sign up for the self-defense class, visit summitcommunityprograms.com. There is no cost for the program, but space is limited. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle.

For more information, please contact the Summit Police Department at (908) 273-0051 or visit the City of Summit website.



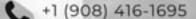
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THE JUNE SPEAKERS PROGRAM

THE SUMMIT OLD GUARD

The Summit Old Guard was founded in New Providence Presbyterian Church located at 1307 Springfield Ave. Our motto is "Come for the Programs. Stay for the Friends." and our June program theme is "Mostly from Brooklyn."

The leadoff speaker on June 6th is distinguished professor Arnold J. Levine who will speak on the Origins and Treatments of Cancer. Professor Levine is a professor emeritus at the Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies.

On June 13th, Judge David Hittner will review his life and experiences as a federal judge, including involvement with Enron litigation, and cases involving gerrymandering, redistricting, and financial fraud.

On June 20 we feature our own Old Guard Summit in 1930 and meets every Tuesday at the member Merv Gersten who will talk about his career in traffic and transportation engineering and nearly lifelong hobby of model railroading.

> The only June speaker not born in Brooklyn is Gordon Meth, who will review his career as a forensic engineer engaged around the nation as an expert in cases involving pedestrian and vehicle injuries and deaths. Mr. Meth will conclude the June series on Tuesday, June 27th.

> Past speakers can be viewed on Facebook, but we encourage people to drop in on our meetings which take place at the church at 10:00 a.m. every Tuesday. "Come for the Speakers. Stay for the Friends." forward to meeting you.





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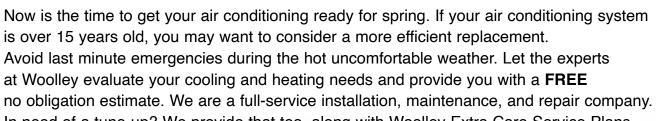






(above, l-r) Gordon Meth, Professor Arnold Levine, Judge David Hittner, Mary Gersten

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(above) Diane R. recently donated a car to the NJVN. She handed the keys over to "Sarge".

5K CELEBRATION OF LIFE - JUNE 11

NJ Sharing Network

NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life Walk and USATF Certified Race will be held on Sunday, June 11, at NJ Sharing Network, 691 Central Avenue, New Providence, NJ. The event, which is presented by RWJBarnabas Health and Hackensack Meridian Health, is one of the Garden State's largest and most-recognized charitable events. It brings together thousands of transplant recipients, donor families, living donors and dedicated volunteers and advocates. Funds raised by event participants, teams, sponsors, and contributors will support the Sharing Network Foundation.

To sign up to participate in the 5K Celebration of Life or make a contribution to a team, visit SharingNetworkFoundation.org/5K.

According to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), there are over 100,000

Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a life-saving transplant. One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. To learn more, get involved, and join the National Donate Life Registry as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.



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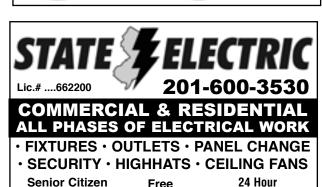
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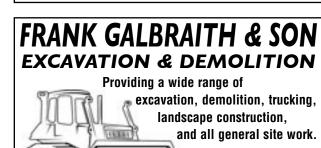


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For questions and office hours call the Garden Helpline at 908-654-9852.

There are three ways you can reach the garden helpline with your questions.

- First you can call them at number above.
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Every year, Americans buy 22 million new bicycles and discard millions of old ones, abandoning many more unused in basements, sheds, and garages. Most of these end up in our already overburdened landfills. Meanwhile, underprivileged people overseas need cheap, non-polluting transportation to get to jobs, markets, medical care and schools. Pedals for Progress has received, processed and donated over 165,000 bicycles, 6,000 used sewing machines and millions of dollars in new spare parts to partner charities in 32 developing world countries. In 2022, deliveries were made to partners in Belize, Cameroon, Guatemala, Rwanda, Somalia, Togo and Uganda.

It costs approximately \$52 to collect, process, ship, rebuild and distribute each bicycle or sewing machine. A donation toward shipping costs is necessary with a suggested minimum \$20 per item. All cash and material donations are fully deductible, and a receipt will be provided on site. Pedals for Progress is a 501(c)(3) corporation and a registered charity in the states of NJ, NY, PA, CT, VT. Brochures explaining this innovative program will be available at the collection site.

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NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE

Michael D. Boll, Director, NJVN

A few years ago, I was approached by a veteran who is a friend of mine who expressed how extremely depressed he was and that he wanted to take his own life. Initially, I was completely shocked because this guy seemed to be upbeat and happy all the time. Immediately, I asked him to come with me to a private office so we could talk about his awful situation. This was the first time in my life that I had a friend talk to me about suicide, and I knew I had to really do my best to help him get through this horrible ordeal. We spoke for a few hours and I listened closely to everything he said. I was able to convince him to immediately get some help and we went to the hospital. I stayed with him at the hospital and met with him when he was released. I did everything to show my friend that I had his back, and because of this he is alive today. This awful situation inspired me to do whatever I possibly can to help others in need, and shortly after the New Jersey Veteran's Network created our mobile outreach program.

In today's day and age, most of you have known a veteran or first responder who has taken their own life. We lose nearly 22 veterans and approximately 300 first responders every year to suicide. Even with all the awareness and new anti-suicide programs available, this number has not changed, and in some cases has increased.

The VA hospitals with PTSD and mental health programs are packed with patients and unfortunately, the numbers continue to increase. More of our first responders are also seeking help and are utilizing some of the state programs being offered. So many people want to help and put an end to this crisis, but sadly there isn't a foolproof program available that will stop this ever-growing crisis from destroying our uniformed heroes and their family's lives.

For the last two years, our team has been working tirelessly with other charities to come up with a better solution to help prevent this

epidemic from continuing. Personally, we believe our Mobile Outreach Team is really making a difference and everyday it helps our uniformed heroes live a better way of life.

The first thing we learned as a team is that we must lose our ego and seek out other groups and organizations that are looking to save lives. Then we find the right volunteers who are committed and dedicated to being a men-tor to a person in crisis. Volunteers are ex- tremely valuable because they want to be there, and they usually care more than the people who get paid for their services.

To date, we have been able to change and save countless lives because of the in- credible commitment from the volunteers and other supporting groups. In the next few months we are excited to be launching the "Uniformed Heroes Project," which is a statewide peer support/mentorship program for veterans, first responders, and active duty military. This project is a collaboration between the NJ VFW, NJ American Legion, NJ FMBA, PFANJ,

NJSPBA, NJ FOP, NJ MAVA, NJ legistrators, other military/first responder organizations. The Uniformed Heroes Project will provide peer support training throughout the state for volunteers and host numerous recreational therapy events for our heroes in need.

ABOUT NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK

We are a group of veterans and volunteers dedicated to helping our veterans and their families live better lives. Our mission is to identify veterans and connect them with resources and programs designed to meet their unique set of needs. Help us save Vets! We are always looking for volunteers, with various skills, to join the team.

If you are a veteran or family member that's in need of assistance; or are interested in volunteering, would like us to speak at your event, or contribute to our mission, call 973-332-1556 or email njvn1775@gmail.com To learn more about the team please check out our website njvn.org (accomplishments). Help us save Vets!



(above) New Jersey Veterans Network veterans and volunteers at a recent Memorial Day Parade.



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