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FORMER MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL PRESIDENT ELLEN DICKSON PASSES

City of Summit

It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the passing of former City of Summit Mayor and Common Council President, Ellen Dickson on Sunday, September 24, 2023. While the departure of Ellen Dickson has created an irreplaceable void, her unparalleled generosity, compassion, and profound love for Summit serve to guide us all.

Ellen's commitment to Summit was deep and firmly rooted. She, along with her husband, Chip, made Summit their home for over two decades, watching their three children flourish and graduate from Summit Public Schools. Ellen was a beacon of community enhancement, deeply understanding that the essence of a thriving community is embedded in the spirit of giving.

Throughout her life, Ellen was not just a leader but a beacon, illuminating the path for countless young people. Her guidance and steadfast support nurtured and molded many future leaders of Summit.

Ellen was a dedicated public servant who devoted two terms to Summit's Common Council, followed by her election as Summit's Mayor in November 2011. In these roles, she conveyed an extraordinary ability to lead with determination and creativity, infusing a sense of optimism and camaraderie into city governance. Her leadership was characterized by a genuine appreciation for the hard work and dedication of city employees. She completed her term as mayor in 2015.

During her 20 years in Summit, Ellen's commitment to our community was truly exceptional:

She served as the president of the PTO at both Lincoln-Hubbard School and Summit High School, fostering a strong connection between schools and families.

Ellen was an active member of the Board of School Estimate, where her insights and dedication helped shape the future of education in our city.

Her contributions extended to the Zoning Board, where she lent her expertise for five years, ensuring responsible development in Summit.

In 2009, she served as Council President, showcasing her ability to lead and collaborate effectively.

Ellen's involvement in various committees, including Safety, Finance, and Building & Grounds, demonstrated her versatility and dedication to making Summit a better place.



(above) Ellen Dickson

She helped lead the effort to fund the Summit Free Market building project, fortifying the city's commitment to sustainability.

The dedication of Ellen Dickson to the city earned her numerous awards and recognition. She received the prestigious Boy Scouts of America "Good Scout" Award in 2011, encapsulating her unwavering support for our community and its young people and the Summit Business and Professional Women's "Woman of the Year" award for her unwavering and active support of women in business.

Her memory is etched in the very fabric of Summit. Ellen showed us that true leadership is about making a difference in the lives of others. Her legacy of kindness, generosity, and mentorship will continue to guide us, ensuring that her spirit lives on in the community she loved dearly.

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Summit resident Leon Sarkissian, a Newark Academy rising Junior, recently was presented the US President’s Volunteer Service Award by Pete Dobbs of St. John’s Soup Kitchen (SJSK) in Newark, New Jersey.

Leon, qualified for the 2023 GOLD President’s Volunteer Service Award after working over 120 hours at SJSK this summer. He worked with Pete and his team where he was able to broaden his impact further by implementing an inventory system for food, clothing, and toiletries, improving computer systems and social media as well as helping with prep, cooking, and serving. However, it was that one-on-one interaction which was one of the most rewarding parts of the day. “Leon’s ability to work fast on his feet and in fluent Spanish was a tremendous asset to SJSK. He was able to make a significant impact to the daily visits of our regular patrons who came to appreciate him for his genuine kindness and willingness to listen and help them,” says Pete Dobbs.

This summer experience enabled Leon to see first-hand SJSK operations and the difficulties it encounters along with some success along the way. Leon reflected “Through a mélange of language and food, we can not only help fight hunger but improve mental health as well. These common threads bring us all together and I hope, in a small way, I was able to make a difference.”

Prior to this summer, Leon and Newark Academy students already supported SJSK

through the 1774 Sandwich Initiative which was created by Leon. To date, they have assembled and delivered over 9,000 sandwiches. Stay tuned as the new goal is to reach 17,740 sandwiches by 2025! For more information visit: 1774sandwichinitiative.com

In 2003, the United State’s President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation founded the President’s Volunteer Service Award. The PVSA has continued under each administration, honoring volunteers who are using their time and talents to solve some of the toughest challenges facing our great nation. It is led by the AmeriCorps and managed in partnership with Points of Light.



(above) Pete Dobbs, St. John’s Soup Kitchen manager and Leon Sarkissian, President’s Volunteer Service Award Recipient.

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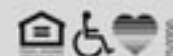
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These local favorites will provide sample-size slices of both classic plain and specialty pizzas at the Summit Free Public Library on Sunday, October 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Attendees have the opportunity to taste each of these eight slices, then vote for their favorite classic and specialty pizzas.

Tickets for "Summit's Best Slice" are available for purchase, priced at \$10 per person. You can purchase tickets at the Library's Circulation Desk using cash or check.

Proceeds from "Summit's Best Slice" will

benefit the Summit Free Public Library Foundation and will fund technological and facility enhancements at the Library. "We are excited to be hosting this fun event for all ages to help support the excellent services at the Summit Public Library," said John Arthur, President of the Foundation.

The Foundation's mission is to make sure the Summit Free Public Library has what it needs to fulfill theirs: to inform, to enrich, and to inspire our diverse community. "The Foundation's continuous support really helps take our Library from good to great and this fundraiser will help them to continue to do so!" said Amy Behr-Shields, Director of the Library.

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The preview will take place from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the auction will begin promptly at 10 a.m. Only cash or checks will be accepted and if paying by check, proper ID must be presented. All property must be removed at the conclusion of the auction. For more information, please contact the Summit Police Department at 908-277-9473.



FIESTA LATINA EVENT – SEPT. 29

The Summit Department of Community Programs is announcing its annual Fiesta Latina event will be held on Friday, September 29, from 6 – 9 p.m. on the Village Green, located at 356 Broad Street in Summit.

Citizens are invited to this free community event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Attendees can enjoy musical and dance performances, Latin food trucks, and cultural demonstrations. From 6PM to 7PM there will be dance and cultural demonstrations from different local groups. From 6:30PM to 8PM De

Tierra Caliente will perform in concert on the main stage, playing music from Latin and South America.

Community and cultural groups should contact David Guida at dguidajr@cityofsummit.org or 908-277-2932 to sign up to host a table at the event or become a sponsor.

For more information, please visit summitcommunityprograms.com or call the Department of Community Programs at 908-277-2932.

NEW GUIDELINES FOR FREE MARKET EVENTS

City of Summit

The City of Summit is implementing new guidelines for its Summit Free Market, effective immediately. The new guidelines have been instituted to maintain the spirit of community, sharing, and sustainability that Summit Free Market events aim to promote.

New Rules for the Summit Free Market

60-Minute Time Limit: Visitors will now be limited to 60 minutes per Summit Free Market event. This will help ensure that all community members have an opportunity to participate and benefit.

No Resellers Allowed: The Summit Free Market is intended to serve as a space for

community sharing and exchange. In line with these core value, reselling items collected from the event will not be permitted.

Signs have been posted to inform visitors of the new policies. Any observed violations may result in immediate expulsion from the event and future Summit Free Market events. Upcoming Friday Dates 2023: October 27, and December 1.

All Summit residents with a valid Municipal Transfer Station permit are invited to participate in the Summit Free Market. To become a Summit Free Market volunteer, email pressoffice@cityofsummit.org. For more information on the Summit Free Market go to summitfreemarket.org.

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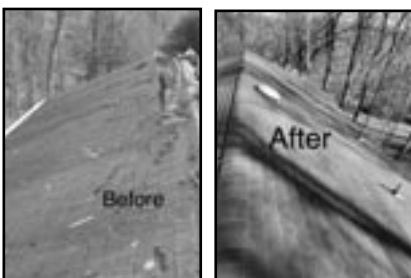


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Distribution of the backpacks was a concerted

effort of over 50 volunteers from CCS, Summit students, and the Elks Club of Summit. This program has served our community for over 15 years thanks to generous donations from the Elks Club of Summit, the Summit Luminary Fund, and the CCS.

CCS is a group of dedicated volunteers from all faiths and backgrounds that are joined together with the purpose of helping under-resourced children and their families. If you would like to volunteer with the organization, please visit christchildsummit.org/help. If you would like to donate, checks are greatly appreciated and can be made out to Christ Child Society of Summit and mailed to P.O. Box 125, Summit, NJ 07902-0125.

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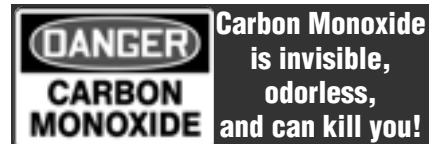
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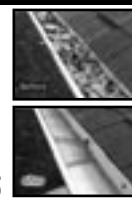
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The training will be offered by Connie Palmer, LCSW who is a Grief Education Consultant for Imagine. Connie is a former school social worker, therapist and is a Certified Bullies to Buddies Trainer.

If you and/or your kids are interested in attending, please register by scanning the QR code below or visiting Imagine's website at imagineenj.org. Pizza dinner is available prior to

the workshop at 6:15 p.m. Please indicate your interest in coming early for pizza when you register. We hope you can join us at Imagine for this timely and beneficial workshop!

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October speakers include Dr. Wm. Happer, professor of Physics; Mike Martin discussing ethical drug development; Robert Connley, Mayor of Madison; and Paul Cirillo, astronomer.

On October 3rd, Dr. William Happer, retired professor of physics, Princeton, will present a different interpretation of selected Climate change data. Dr. Happer will question current dogma about climate change by presenting scientific data and theory which questions the underlying assumptions of conventional wisdom. He expects many questions and will allow ample time to accommodate OG members. Dr. Happer worked in various capacities for the Bush and Trump Administrations.

Our speaker on October 17th will be Mike Martin. Mike spent many years in the pharmaceutical industry and will focus on how drugs are developed, the regulatory process, historic examples of pioneering discoveries which have combated serious diseases. Unique theories on how penicillin was discovered! Is Thalidomide which was the scourge of the 1950's still prescribed? The discussion will present an entertaining description on important historical discoveries and controversies. As part

of the presentation, he will also discuss the origins of a few common therapies which the OG members are currently taking.

On October 24th, Robert Conley, Mayor of Madison will be our speaker. The Mayor will discuss his administration's efforts to maintain the excellent quality of life in Madison despite dealing with diverse populations composed of students and suburbanites with different needs. Three universities are headquartered in Madison which has tax consequences and other social issues. The Mayor had to address the following proposals: allow Madison to become a sanctuary city and providing a storefront for marijuana dispensing, indeed, Madison is also unique because it has its own electric power distribution facility. The Mayor will discuss these and other issues.

Finally, on Halloween, October 31st, amateur astronomer, Paul Cirillo will tell us about the latest discoveries that have been made by the many robotic space exploration missions to the planets, asteroids and comets in our solar system as well as the latest images from the James Webb Space Telescope. Also, an overview will be provided of the latest human space programs planned by the United States, China and several commercial space companies.

Past speakers and much more can be viewed at SummitOldGuard.org but we encourage people to drop in on our meetings which take place at the church at 10:00 a.m. most Tuesdays. "Come for the Speakers. Stay for the Friends." We look forward to meeting you.



(above, l-r) Paul Cirillo, Robert Conley, Dr. Wm Happer

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The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad is asking area residents to support the vital, life-saving services it provides for the Summit community in its 2023 annual fundraising appeal. Requests for tax-deductible donations to directly fund its operations were mailed to homeowners and businesses in Summit.

As has been a longstanding tradition, Mayor Nora Radest recently issued a Proclamation designating September as "Summit Volunteer

First Aid Squad Month" in the City. The Proclamation comes as the Squad launches their annual fund drive. Since it was formed in 1962, the First Aid Squad has been staffed entirely by volunteers and funded solely by private contributions. The Squad receives no government funding and does not bill for service. "For over 60 years, neither our patients, nor the taxpayers have ever receive a bill for our service," said Squad's President John Buscaino who accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Squad. In her Proclamation, Mayor Radest praised the Squad for answering over 2,300 emergency calls in 2022 and estimated the Squad saves the City about 2 million dollars annually. The Squad's fund drive is a mail campaign sent to every residence and business in Summit. They do not solicit by phone and do not use any outside fundraising agencies. Even the fund drive itself is run by volunteers noted Public Information Officer John Staunton.

The all-volunteer First Aid Squad, responds to emergency calls 24/7, is entirely funded through private donations and does not bill for service. The Squad is always 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 web site at: summititems.org.



(above) Summit First Aid Squad President John Buscaino accepts a proclamation from Mayor Nora Radest, designating September as "Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad Month" in the City.

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