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A BOUNTIFUL CELEBRATION AT AN EVENING FOR GRACE

GRACE (Giving & Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials), its supporters, and community partner institutions continue to strengthen the roots of our community. On Friday, October 6, at Beacon Hill Club, Summit neighbors gathered to celebrate two pillars in our community. Overlook Medical Center and Antonietta LaVecchia were recognized with a Crystal Apple for their unwavering support and commitment to GRACE and the City of Summit. Founder Amanda Block affirms, "In recognizing the roots of our community, we are honoring the unseen forces in Summit that enable our quality of life worth celebrating. Antonietta and Overlook Medical Center's tireless presence and collaboration make possible vibrant health, a sense of security, and assurance of belonging for all people here."

The signature event raised funds to support the weekly distribution of nutrient-rich food, basic household necessities, and stabilizing initiatives that enhance the health, well-being, and security of more than 500 families every week.

The event was put together by a committee of dedicated volunteers led by Event Chairpersons Michelle DeMuth and Michelle Duncan and the Invitation Committee: KC Artemenko, Sara Binnington, Corina Borg, Samantha Ekert, Apollo Hrehorovich, Sherry Kerrigan, Megan Myers, and Beth Wohl.



(above) Event Co-Chairpersons Michelle Duncan and Michelle DeMuth.



(above, l-r) GRACE honored Overlook Medical Center: Elizabeth Newell, President of GRACE Board of Directors; John Serruto, Vice Chair of Community Advisory Board for Overlook Medical Center; Lauren Yedwab, Overlook's Chief Operating Officer; Tara Larkin, Atlantic Health System; Amanda Parrish Block, Founder of GRACE.

Courtesy photos

Summit's finest tastemakers made the night possible. Summit House crafted a completely unique cocktail to toast the honorees, Roses in Stereo's music moved the crowd to dance and sing, and Donna Fisk of Fisk Foto captured all the glorious moments. The guests all departed with boxes of sweet treats from Natale's Summit Bakery.

A special thank you to the generous sponsors who made this event possible: The Golden Apple Sponsor: Borg Family; Orchard Sponsors: MICRO, Summit Health Cares, Artemenko Family; Grove Sponsors: CSL Seqirus, Overlook Medical Center.

ABOUT GRACE

Since 2016 GRACE has been Giving & Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials. As a volunteer-run 501(c)3 non-profit organization, GRACE meets community needs with community resources to enable the good health and success of our vulnerable and underserved neighbors by distributing culturally relevant fresh food and supplies, including milk, bread, eggs, and produce, toilet paper, diapers and wipes, period products, and laundry detergent, every Thursday evening in Summit, NJ, while providing access and referrals to stabilizing support services. GRACE now serves more than 500 local families every week. GRACE meets community demand with community resources. For more information, visit gracegivingreceiving.org, or email GRACE Founder Amanda Parrish Block at info@gracegivingreceiving.org.

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Over 700 special needs students, their teachers, and aides had smiles on their faces for the Elks 46th annual Friendship Day at Turtle Back Zoo on October 2, 2023. The event was sponsored by area Elks club members.

It was a perfect Fall day for participants to walk around the park and learn about the animals on display while enjoying activities, games, a DJ,



(above) Annual Friendship Day
at Turtle Back Zoo

Courtesy photo

and face painting sponsored by Elks from the North Central District.

Meanwhile, Elks from the East Central District, with Lodges in Stirling, Summit, Mountainside, Springfield, Cranford, Union, and Rahway, provided, prepared, and served 1,200 hot dog meals to hungry visitors.

Elks Care - Elks Share. And Friendship Day is one of many ways that the Elks turn those words into action. Throughout NJ, Elks provide assistance for the caring of special needs children. The Elks maintain clinics, hire nurses, therapists, pediatricians, psychologists, and teachers as well as provide equipment such as crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, and hospital beds to those in need. In addition, Elks Camp Moore provides special needs children with a fun-filled vacation away from home where they can try new adventures, create lasting friendships, and experience opportunities that promote independence and greater self-confidence.

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THANKSGIVING MEAL AT COMMUNITY CENTER

The Summit Department of Community Programs is hosting its annual community Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 23, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center, located at 100 Morris Avenue.

The catered meal will include roast turkey, traditional side dishes, pies, and other desserts, as well as coffee and a beverage service. The event will also include a game of touch football, open gym activities, a Thanksgiving-themed family movie, and arts and crafts for children. The event is free and open to all community members. Pre-registration is not required.

The Senior Connections Bus will provide transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Call 908-277-2932 or email dguidajr@cityofsummit.org to schedule transportation.

For more information, please call 908-277-2932. Visit summitcommunityprograms.com for more information on the Department of Community Programs. The event is sponsored by GRACE and Oakes Memorial Center.



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Join us for a fully catered Thanksgiving meal at the Summit Community Center. This meal will be free and open to any and all members of the community who would like a place to spend the holiday around friends in our City.



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Thanksgiving is on the way and the holiday season is just around the corner! Don't miss the return of exciting family events including Celebrate in Summit, Carriages & Carolers, and The HillTop Elf Scavenger Hunt. The Summit VISA Gift Cards, accepted at over 150 Summit businesses city-wide, are also available this holiday season so people can support Summit businesses by giving the gift of local!

More information on holiday events and Summit VISA Gift Cards can be found on summitdowntown.org.

THE HILLTOP ELF SCAVENGER HUNT NOVEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 23

A great event for adults and kids alike! The HillTop Elves are hidden within more than 100 different downtown Summit businesses or in the storefront windows; shoppers and their families are urged to wander downtown in search of the HillTop Elf! No purchase is necessary. Scavenger Hunt Forms are available at all participating businesses or can be downloaded off the SDI website. The participating businesses are listed on the form where shoppers identify where they saw the elf at each business. Completed forms must be turned in by 4PM on Saturday, December 23 to be entered to win \$500 Summit VISA Gift Card, they can be returned to any participating business. 10 runners up will also

each win \$100 gift cards. Summit VISA Gift Cards are accepted by over 150 Summit businesses and make great holiday gifts! The winning completed forms will be drawn on Tuesday, January 2; winners will be notified by email and phone.



CELEBRATE IN SUMMIT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 1-4 P.M.

Shop, dine, and celebrate right in downtown Summit this holiday season! There will be music throughout the downtown and Horse and Carriage rides from 1-4 p.m. at Lyric Park (corner of Beechwood Road and Bank Street). At the Promenade at 426 Springfield Ave, an ice carver will be making holiday sculptures out of ice!

Come see him in the act from 1-3 p.m.; the sculptures will be at the Promenade for as long as weather allows. New this year, we will be joined by Soiree NJ for an afternoon with winter princesses including take home crafts for all ages, 1-4 pm. in The Promenade. All activities are free to the public.

CARRIAGES & CAROLERS 1-4 PM NOVEMBER 25, DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, AND 23.

Take a break from your downtown shopping to enjoy holiday music, strolling carolers and brass musicians, and free Horse and Carriage rides from 1-4pm Saturdays, November 25, December 2, 9, 16 and 23. The boarding location will be Lyric Park, located at the corner of Bank Street and Beechwood Road. Use 17 Beechwood Road for GPS. Thanks to our generous music sponsor Simon Westfall-Kwong, LuxeLife Group of eXp Realty in Summit. Please note the rides run until 4pm but the line is cut off by 3:30 p.m., the line may need to be cut earlier to insure the horse leaves on time. Please keep that timing in mind and SDI very much appreciates your patience.

FREE HOLIDAY SHOPPER PARKING

Courtesy of the City of Summit and Summit Downtown, Inc., there will be free holiday shopper parking December 9-31 at 90-minute meters (time limits will be enforced), in the Bank St. Lot, and on the 1st floor of the Tier Garage on Springfield Ave.

SUMMIT VISA GIFT CARDS GIVEAWAY PROGRAM

Looking for a new way to support local Summit businesses while giving a great gift to that special someone? Buy one, get one gift card giveaway* will run on November 25, December 1, 8 & 15 from 1-4 p.m. For every \$50 in Summit VISA Gift Cards you buy, receive a \$10 bonus gift card. Maximum reward \$100 per person, per transaction *While supplies last, only on specified dates and times. Only in person at 18 Bank Street, Suite 101, Summit. Not valid for online purchases. Accepted at over 150 Summit businesses, both in and outside the downtown, they are the perfect holiday gift!



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November speakers include Marc Andreo, Greg Wroclawski, Jeffrey Gitterman, and Dr. Paul Desjardins. Please join us. Our programs are free to the public, and we welcome you!

November 7th, Marc Andreo, Scout Executive of the Patriot’s Path Council, will give an overview of Scouting in New Jersey, focusing on the council, which includes Morris, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and parts of Middlesex counties. Recent history includes accepting girls in core programs, outdoor activities, life skills and values. Scouting also provides numerous services to local communities such as several major outdoor projects supporting the Summit Library’s many learning enhancing programs.

November 14th, Greg Wroclawski, a commercial pilot and flight instructor will tell us about that “other” airport, the Morristown Municipal Airport. Greg’s presentation will cover the history of the Morristown Municipal Airport from its origins in the 1930s to the present day. Greg has been a 32-year resident of the airport, having based all four of his personal aircraft there since 1991. He has a commercial license and an instrument rating. He will discuss how each of his successive aircraft has moved up in performance and capability, and he will cover the physical characteristics of Morristown Airport and how they have changed over the years, as well as how the types of operations at the airport and traffic have evolved.

November 21st, Jeffrey Gitterman, CEO, Gittermen Asset Management. Jeffrey will discuss how the physical changes in climate from 1850 through 2020, a period of 170 years, have consistently occurred, and how the current warming of the planet has affected our lives. His presentation is not meant to be a treatise on climate change and its global effects, but rather a discussion of how investment advisors and investors can take action to integrate climate change considerations into investment decisions and to align portfolio goals with both profits and the needs of the planet. Admittedly, he believes this is a difficult and complex task.

November 28th, Dr. Paul Desjardins will be our speaker. Paul has used his wide-ranging educational background to full advantage in his career as a clinical pharmacologist, dentist, Academic Dean at UMDNJ (Newark), Senior Vice President at Wyeth and Pfizer Consumer Healthcare, and leading researcher in over 130 clinical studies. At the same time, he has experienced severe medical challenges. He will share lessons from his lifetime journey as a dentist, pharmacologist and especially a throat cancer survivor.

Past speakers and much more can be viewed at SummitOldGuard.org but we encourage people to drop in on our meetings. “Come for the Speakers. Stay for the Friends.” We look forward to meeting you.

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SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL SAILING TEAM

Hats off to Summit High School sailors Lauren Murray, Emma Gumny, Dara Greengrass, Grace Penque, Michael Creel and Brady Parkes for battling through two really tough days at the New Jersey Fall Championship Regatta at Toms River Yacht Club over the October 7th weekend.

Saturday started with rain and zero wind. After a 90-minute postponement, and in a matter of minutes, zero wind turned into 25 knots of wind. In difficult, constantly changing conditions, our Summit sailors had a solid day and put themselves into qualifying position. Brady Parkes and Michael Creel capped off day 1 with a pair of 6th place finishes. On Sunday, the wind was howling from the get go at a steady 20-25 knots.



Courtesy photos

The fleet waited out a 4.5-hour postponement because the conditions were just too severe. Racing got started shortly after 1 p.m.

Our SHS Sailors raced hard and made us

proud. The team finished the weekend only 3 points from qualifying to advance to the Mid-Atlantic Regionals in Buffalo.

Great sailing, Hilltoppers!



(above) Summit High School sailors Lauren Murray, Emma Gumny, Dara Greengrass, Grace Penque, Michael Creel, and Brady Parkes at the New Jersey Fall Championship Regatta held at the Toms River Yacht Club October 7-8, 2023.

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13 Dorset Ln	3	3.1	3	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	0
14 Fairview Ave	4	3.2	2	\$1,595,000	\$1,640,000	12
85 Kent Place Blvd	8	3.0	2	\$1,699,900	\$1,640,000	133
35 Lewis Ave	4	3.1	1	\$1,499,000	\$1,499,000	26
6 Sunset Dr	5	2.1	2	\$1,350,000	\$1,400,000	8
182 Mountain Ave	4	3.0	2	\$1,170,000	\$1,220,000	14
16 Edison Dr	4	4.0	0	\$1,199,900	\$1,199,900	10
45 Clark St	5	4.1	1	\$1,150,000	\$1,150,000	99
12 Shadyside Ave	5	1.2	0	\$1,100,000	\$999,999	34
48 Orchard St Unit B	3	3.1	1	\$950,000	\$937,000	110
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LIBRARY UNVEILS NOTECARDS TO CELEBRATE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

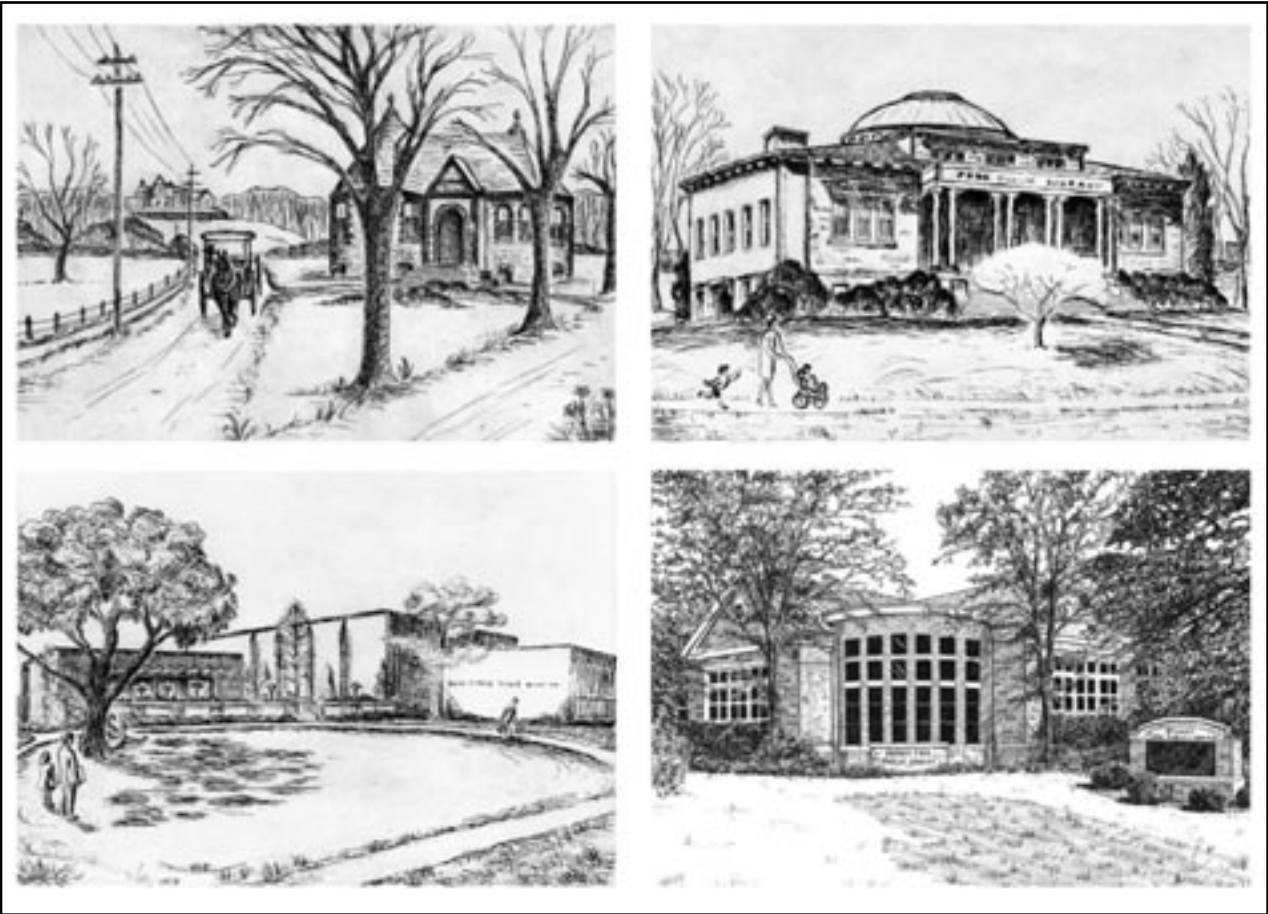
Summit Free Public Library is excited to announce the release of commemorative notecards celebrating the Library’s upcoming 150th anniversary in 2024. These notecards offer a glimpse into the Library's evolution across its four distinct eras: 1864 - 1911, 1911 - 1964, 1964 - 1999, and 1999 - present. The first three notecard designs showcase historic etchings by Madeleine Cooke, while artist Shara Bailey has crafted a “retro” rendering of the Library from 1999 to the present, blending Cooke’s classic designs with contemporary artistry.

Shara Bailey, a talented artist and a PhD student in biological anthropology, was recommended by the Visual Arts Center of NJ to undertake this special project. Her research on human origins, spanning cities from New York to Yogyakarta, Indonesia, brings a unique perspective to her artistic creations.

“The 150th anniversary of the Library is a celebration of the many years it has informed, enriched, and inspired our community,” said Amy Behr-Shields, Library Director. “Shara's rendering of the present-day building not only completes the set but is a perfect blend of its past and present.”

These notecards will be available for purchase starting November 1, just in time for the holiday season. They will be on sale with all other Library merchandise at the Circulation Desk through the year 2024.

For more information about the artist Shara Bailey and to view her portfolio, please visit her website: sharabailey.com/index.html



(above) The first commemorative notecard designs showcase historic etchings by Madeleine Cooke, while artist Shara Bailey has crafted a “retro” rendering of the Library from 1999 to the present, blending Cooke’s classic designs with contemporary artistry.

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WHARTON ARTS HOLIDAY CONCERTS AND EVENTS

Wharton Arts, New Jersey's largest independent non-profit performing arts education center, announces its 2023-24 season dedicated to promoting excellence and equity in performing arts education. Over the course of the season, the nearly 2,000 Wharton Arts students and music lovers of all ages will inspire audiences through the power of collaboration and celebrating the strength that comes from creating together. For a complete listing of concerts and events and to purchase tickets, visit WhartonArts.org.

During the month of December, Wharton Arts presents exciting concerts and events embodying the holiday spirit with the Wharton Players' production of *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, New Jersey Youth Chorus' Readings and Carols, the Holiday Kids-for-Kids Choral Festival by the Paterson Music Project Choir, and the All That Jazz Holiday Concert featuring the NJYS Youth Symphony and Jazz Orchestra. In addition to performances, Wharton Arts has planned an informative Parent Circle Series, offering insights into supporting student musicians. These discussions cover a range of topics, including preparing college applications and supporting neurodiverse children in their study of music.

Wharton Arts is New Jersey's largest

independent non-profit community performing arts education center serving nearly 2,000 students through a range of classes and ensembles. The 5 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Chorus, an auditioned choral ensemble program for students in grades 3–12, encourage a love and appreciation of choral music while nurturing personal growth and creative development. The 15 ensembles of the New Jersey Youth Symphony, which serve over 500 students in grades 3–12 by audition, inspire young people to achieve musical excellence through high-level ensemble training and performance opportunities. Based in Paterson, the Paterson Music Project is an El Sistema-inspired program of Wharton Arts that uses music education as a vehicle for social action by empowering and inspiring young people to achieve their full potential through the

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Sunday, December 3, 2023 – "Music form Opera - Rossini, Mussorgsky, Puccini and Verdi
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5TH ANNUAL BRIDGES STREETS-TO-HOMES 5K WALK & RUN

Bridges Outreach

Bridges Outreach hosted its 5th Annual Bridges Streets-to-Homes 5K Walk & Run in Summit, NJ on Saturday, September 30th. Despite the rain, over 100 participants crossed the finish line. Other events of the day included a Kids Fun Run, a rejuvenating Burn & Flow class led by The Goodburn, and stations to meet event sponsors and pack lunches for distribution during Bridges’ streets-based case management. Thanks to event sponsorships as well as individual and team fundraising efforts, the event raised over \$36,000 to end chronic homelessness in Union and Essex Counties - NJ.

“The Bridges 5K was such a wonderful event! I want to thank all of our sponsors for their generous support – we couldn’t do it without you!” reflected Jessica Mills – Bridges Board Member and Fundraising Chair.

Bridges Outreach is at the forefront of tackling chronic homelessness. Founded in 1988 by Geoff and Ginger Worden of Summit NJ, Bridges provides resources and case management to those experiencing homelessness and facing imminent

homelessness. Project Connect, launched in 2014, connects people experiencing homelessness in Newark with trained case managers to ultimately achieve permanent housing. "This past year, Bridges has helped to create a 27.7% reduction in unsheltered homelessness, in New Jersey. Bridges is about meeting people where they are, literally and figuratively. We believe that housing is a human right." Shares Richard Uniacke, President of Bridges Outreach.

Runners were fueled with competition, camaraderie, and a shared passion to make an impact. Congratulations to the top 3 male finishers: Paul Dorsey, 18:14.1, Leon Sarkissian, 19:04.3, and Carlos Cañaveral, 19:14.7; and the top 3 female finishers: Dena Peyster, 20:46.5, Christine Ciccone, 24:11.2, and Sophie Capone, 25:35.3.

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“Participating in events like The Bridges 5K is just one way that we can prioritize the physical and mental well-being of each and every member of our community. When we support each other, we thrive!” reflected Valerie Flax and Jessica Scarpelli of The Goodburn.

To learn more about Bridges Outreach or to become a volunteer, visit bridgesoutreach.org.



Woman Winner

(above) Dena Peyster and Richard Uniacke - President of Bridges Outreach



(above) Men Top 3 finishers: Paul Dorsey, Leon Sarkissian, Carlos Cañaveral, and Richard Uniacke -President of Bridges Outreach



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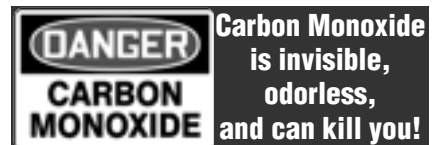
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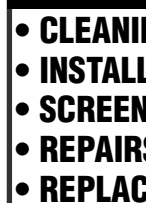
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The Santa Claus Shop is chaired by Summit residents, Michelle Kalmanson, Alison MacMillan, Katie Orr and Elizabeth Somerlot and co-chaired by Jen Adel, Amanda Darnowski, Jenny Groves and Corinne White. The Santa Claus Shop exists solely on donations and

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PACKAGE THEFT SAFETY TIPS

Summit Police Department

Package thefts are a growing concern for the Summit Police Department (SPD). With an increase in e-commerce transactions during the holiday season, it is important for residents and businesses to ensure the safe delivery of packages. Here are some safety tips from the SPD for residents to consider:

Track Your Packages: Use tracking numbers provided by the delivery service to monitor the delivery status. Know when packages will arrive to help plan when to be home or notify a neighbor to help.

Delivery Alerts: Sign up for delivery alerts to know the moment a package arrives.

Require a Signature: When possible, choose the option for a delivery signature. This ensures that packages are not left unattended.

Install Security Cameras: A visible security camera can be a strong deterrent to would-be thieves.

Delivery Instructions: Leave specific instructions for the delivery person on where to place the package, such as behind a plant or under a bench. The more hidden from the street view, the better.

Use a Lockbox: Consider installing a lockbox or package drop box on your property. Some are specifically designed to secure packages until they can be retrieved.

Alternate Delivery Location: Instead of

home delivery, consider sending packages to a workplace or a neighbor's house.

Pick Up at Delivery Center: Many delivery services offer local pick-up points, such as nearby stores or dedicated facilities.

Neighborhood Watch: Collaborate with neighbors to watch out for unfamiliar vehicles or suspicious activity.

Insure Packages: If you are expecting something particularly valuable, consider purchasing additional insurance.

Be Discreet: After receiving a package, do not leave the empty box visible from the street, especially from high-end brands. Break down boxes and conceal them in recycling bins.

Lighting: Ensure porches and front yards are well-lit. Motion-activated lights can deter thieves and give the impression someone is home.

Keep Landscaping Trimmed: Overgrown bushes or trees can provide cover for thieves. Keeping landscaping neat can eliminate potential hiding spots.

Hold Packages for Vacation: When away from home, hold mail or request a delivery delay for packages.

By taking these precautions, citizens can greatly reduce the risk of package theft and enjoy a safer online shopping experience.

Additional safety tips and information from the Summit Police Department are available on the city website.

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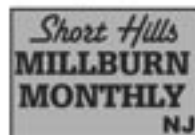
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4 Units	3.25" x 8" or 6.5" x 4"	\$180	\$450	\$700	\$900	\$1100	\$1300	\$1500	\$1700	\$1900
6 Units	6.5" x 6.25" or 10" x 4"	\$240	\$600	\$900	\$1200	\$1400	\$1600	\$1800	\$2000	\$2200
9 HALF PAGE	6.5" x 9" or 10" x 7"	\$320	\$800	\$1000	\$1300	\$1600	\$1900	\$2200	\$2400	\$2700
12 Units	10" x 8"	\$360	\$900	\$1200	\$1500	\$1800	\$2100	\$2400	\$2700	\$3000
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