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#### **20 YEARS OF SUPPORTING YOUNG WOMEN CELEBRATED**

The Fortnightly Club of Summit

The Fortnightly Club of Summit, a women's club which draws members from Summit and surrounding towns, has a 132-year history of community service, volunteerism, and historic preservation. The Club recently hosted its annual scholarship luncheon. This celebration marks more than 6 decades of awarding scholarships to young women in the community. This year's winners include Summit High School students Chelsea Asitimbay (Boston College), Diane Saint-Louis (The College of New Jersey), and Keilah Torillo (The College of New Jersey).

To date the club has awarded more than 60 scholarships to young women pursuing a secondary education including college or a trade education. At the luncheon, the club announced this year's scholarship winners, and celebrated past winners as well. This year's luncheon featured:

An inspiring speech by Girls on the Run East's Executive Director, Suzanne Elliot spoke about the importance of supporting girls in communities and how Girls on the Run has helped transform the lives of 2.25 million girls.

The incoming board honored the contributions of outgoing board members for their many years of service to the Fortnightly Club. New Executive Board members include Summit residents Renee Frank (VP) and Laura Sankowich (Secretary) as well as Heather Althoff of Madison (President) and Liese Kant of Short Hills (Treasurer

"We are thrilled to support the young women in our community," said Terry Andrews, outgoing President of the Fortnightly Club of Summit. "The luncheon provides a unique opportunity for our community to come together, show their support, and make a meaningful difference in the lives of young women in Summit. We were also honored to host our guests from Girls on the Run as they discuss the empowerment of girls at a community level, which is closely aligned with the spirit of the luncheon."

Luncheon attendees supported the Fortnightly Club through participation in the luncheon and donations. Items were also collected for donation to Girls at the Run at the event, including first aid kits, lap counters, travel tissue packs, and other essentials that are required for Girls on the Run coaches' practice kits.

"Our members are civic minded, compassionate community members who constantly come together to make a difference. Together, our members create positive change and transform lives," said Andrews.



(above) This year's Scholarship winners are Chelsea Asitimbay (Boston College), Diane Saint-Louis (The College of New Jersey), and Keilah Torillo (The College of New Jersey).

Courtesy photo

For more information about the Fortnightly Club, and how to become a member, please visit fortnightlyclub.org or email fortnightlyclubtwinmaples@gmail.com.

#### **ABOUT THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB**

The Fortnightly Club is a volunteer group dedicated to causes that improve the lives of members of the Summit community and surrounding areas. The club supports various organizations related to education, women's issues, veterans, the elderly, and cultural institutions that serve the greater community. The club is also dedicated to preserving the historic Twin Maples Estate.

Founded in 1893 by Mrs. Mary B. Wilcox, the Fortnightly Club continues to embrace its legacy of transformative, and impactful community service. The Fortnightly Club's members are a diverse group of professional women, stay-athome moms and retirees who share a commitment to volunteerism and community service. New members are always welcome; we serve members from Summit and surrounding towns in New Jersey, including New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Short Hills and more.

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## LOCAL STUDENTS WIN CONGRESSIONAL APP CHALLENGE

Submitted by William Corprew

Newark Academy sophomores Alexis Zhang, a resident of Chatham, and Aadit Shrivastava, a resident of Short Hills, were named winners of the 2023 Congressional App Challenge, in which high school students compete to make the best application in their congressional district.

The presented their app TranquilTally to Congresswoman Hillary J. Scholten, who serves the 3rd district of Michigan. The team competed in the Michigan district because Alexis resided there during the summer, when most of the app development took place.

"TranquilTally offers a simple and stress-free approach to improving mental health and taking mindful steps daily," says Alexis. "Overall, the website is a valuable tool for anyone looking to enhance their mental wellbeing through self-reflection and positive habit-building."

The duo was inspired by their personal experiences to create an easy, healthy and effective tool for self-care. "During this process, we had many candid conversations about our shared frustration with stress-inducing methods of self-care that often make it harder to improve mental health," Aadit says. "We noticed that many existing platforms and approaches were overly complex, demanding, or overwhelming. Our goal was to create a platform that takes the burden out of self-care and, instead, makes it an enjoyable and effective journey toward better mental well-being."

With the help of NA Computer Science Teacher Andrew Alford, Alexis and Aadit worked together to make TranquilTally a reality. It took a few months to develop the framework for an innovative yet feasible idea, but once their plan was in place, they dove into coding the user interface and database backend with systems such as HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP and MySQL.

In April, Alexis and Aadit traveled to Washington, D.C., to demo TranquilTally for members of the House of Representatives at the U.S. Capitol Building during the #HouseofCode, a STEM expo event for the competition winners.



(above) Aadit Shrivastava and Alexis Zhang with Congresswoman Hillary J. Scholten.



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#### **SUMMIT ELKS RECEIVE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD**

Summit Elks Lodge #1246 received the out on if not for the Elks partnership with the Y. Community Partnership Award At the Summit Area YMCA's annual celebration held on April 25th, 2024, to recognize their efforts in joining the YMCA to host the Extra Special Prom - an event for special-needs students aged 13-25, their parents, and other volunteers.

During the award presentation, a highlight video of the Extra Special Prom was played. The footage demonstrated the utter joy emanating from the young adults who attended the prom, which was a milestone they might otherwise miss

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Summit Elks Exalted Ruler Fred Honold and fellow members then continued to detail the synergies between the two organizations in their commitment to serving the community and to enriching the lives of youth with special needs.

Summit Elks Lodge #1246 was also honored by the Summit Area YMCA on April 25th with the Y's "Community Partnership 2024 Award." Over 200 people gathered over dinner at The Primavera Regency in Stirling to celebrate. Among several areas highlighted is the Elks' Partnership with the "Y" for Special Needs Children and their collaboration for The Special Children's Prom on May 30th.

The Summit Area YMCA serves more than 15.000 individuals with their free and fee-based programs and services in an area spanning the New Jersey communities of Berkeley Heights, Gillette, Millburn, New Providence, Short Hills, Springfield, Stirling and Summit.

The Summit Elks and Elks Lodges throughout NJ and the United States work with compassion and dedication to provide programs and services for special-needs children and adults. Local events such as the Extra Special Prom, scholarships, sports programs, and NJ Elks Camp Moore are made possible through donations, fundraising events, and grants from the Elks National Foundation. Please visit Elks.org for more information about the Elks and how to join. **ECOME A MEMBER IN THE SUMMIT ELKS** 

To be eligible for membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, you must be a citizen of the United States over the age of 21 who believes in God. The Summit Elks Lodge #1246 has close to 3,000 members, they predominantly come from these communities: Summit, Berkeley Heights, The Chathams, Millburn - Short Hills, New Providence & Westfield. For more information visit summitelks1246.org.

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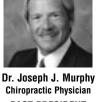
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(above, l-r) Summit Elks Trustees Mike Helmer, PER, Rich Callaghan, Summit "Y" President Paul Kieltyka, Exalted Ruler Fred Honold, Elks Special Children Committee Co-Chairs Mary Twill and Roger Hughes, past Committee Chair Ted Scallon and Elks Trustee Rick Wolffe, PER.

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#### **BSA TROOP 17'S NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS**

BSA Troop 17 celebrated its Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday, May 11th, 2024. Nathaniel Phillips, Joseph Radics, Manal Jha, and Leonard Yu were honored during the ceremony for their advancement to the highest level of scouting. Fewer than 5% of all boys who participate in scouting achieve the Eagle Scout award. These newest Eagle Scouts bring the total to 159 Eagles in the 80-year history of BSA Troop 17.

Prior to the ceremony, Troop 17 presented St.

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Rose of Lima with a new flag for their flagpole. It was given with heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for the parish's ongoing support of our scouting programs. The flag was blessed by Fr. Larry Evans.

BSA Troop 17 meets on Thursday nights at St. Rose of Lima in Short Hills from September to June. Please visit Troop17ShortHills.com to learn more.



(above) Nathaniel Phillips, Joseph Radics, Manal Jha, and Leonard Yu were honored during a ceremony for their advancement to the highest level of scouting – Eagle Scout.

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200 people attending. Houses on tour included historic to contemporary architecture and a wide variety of interior design styles. Docents, select sponsors and even some homeowners interacted with attendees throughout to provide interesting insights at each home.

The event also included an online auction with various home-related decor and services. The event raised over \$50,000 to support the work of The Warehouse NJ, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports individuals and families as they transition into permanent housing following a time of crisis such as homelessness, abuse, natural disaster, or political asylum. Since 2019, TWNJ has been "helping to create a new beginning" for these individuals and families by transforming their new housing into a home with furniture and basic household items.

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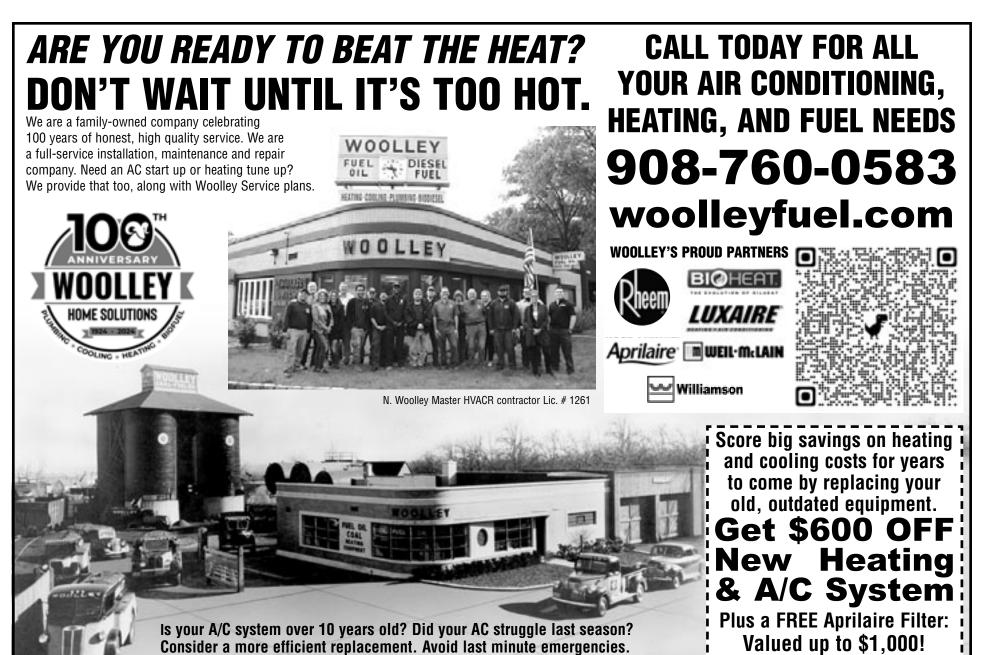
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The pantry also accepts monetary donations which are exchanged for gift cards to local supermarkets, then distributed to food pantry recipients. If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Town Social Worker, or make a check out to the Township of Millburn and mail it to Ana Millan, Millburn Health Department at 375 Millburn Ave. Millburn, NJ 07041.

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## ANDREW KOTZEN NAMED NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS ALL-AMERICAN

#### Newark Academy

Short Hills resident Andrew Kotzen, a senior at Newark Academy (NA) — an independent school for grades 6-12 in Livingston, NJ — has been named a National High School Tennis All-American, the highest honor in high school athletics. Andrew is one of just two honorees on the boys' list from the state of New Jersey, the other being his NA teammate Joshua Mandelbaum of Livingston, also making Newark Academy the only school in the nation with two honorees on the boys' list.

"Representing Newark Academy at the national level is extremely special," says Kotzen. "I'm incredibly grateful and privileged to have received this honor, but more importantly, to have had the opportunity to be a part of this team for the last four years. This experience has not only helped me grow as a player but has also made me a better person and leader off the court."

During his time at NA, Kotzen helped guide the Minutemen to two Tournament of Champions titles as well as four state, four county and three conference championships and currently has an individual record of 76-2 to date. He also notched an individual state doubles title with partner and NA alum, Ethan Polen '23, during the 2021 season. Kotzen will now join his brothers and fellow NA alums, Alex and Nicolas, in playing tennis for Division I Columbia University after incredibly successful high school careers on the Newark Academy tennis team.

"Andrew and Josh are so incredibly deserving of this honor. They are both fantastic players, but they've also been tremendous leaders for our program on and off the court" says NA Head Coach Lou Scerra. "In a sport traditionally thought of as individual, Andrew and Josh have both been team-first throughout their careers. We're very proud of them and we can't wait to see all they achieve as they embark on their college tennis journeys."

#### **ABOUT NEWARK ACADEMY ATHLETICS**

Located in Livingston, NJ, Newark Academy Minutemen Athletics hosts 25 varsity teams on its 68-acre campus. With about 81 percent of Upper School students participating in athletics, Newark Academy Athletics aims to provide a competitive and enriching experience for its student-athletes. The Minutemen have tallied 14 state championships since 2021.



(above) Andrew Kotzen, a Short Hills resident and boys' tennis captain, from Newark Academy high school, is one of 2 boys' tennis student-athletes from the state of New Jersey to be named National High School Tennis

All-Americans.

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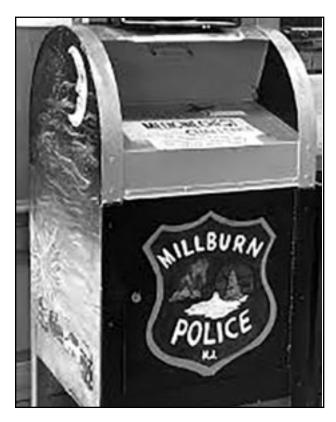
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#### **PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS:**

#### Concert: The Sounds of Summer with Jay Daniels

Saturday, July 6, 3-4pm, Auditorium
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"Under the Boardwalk" from the Drifters, "God Only Knows" from the Beach Boys, and a local favorite from Al Alberts, "On the Way to Cape May."

#### **Local Author Visit: Eliza Minot**

Wednesday, July 10, 6:30-8pm, Auditorium Local author Eliza Minot will read from and discuss her critically acclaimed novel In the Orchard, which is being released in paperback this month. Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

#### The Miracle Mets of 1969 with Rick Feingold (Virtual)

Thursday, July 18, 7-8pm, Online
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#### Travel to Iceland with Chris McCormack

Tuesday, July 30, 7-8pm, Auditorium
Professional traveler Chris McCormack, will talk about his experiences traveling through Iceland. This small country has an incredible amount to offer, no matter the season. Discover helpful apps and websites to help navigate the land of fire and ice.

#### **PROGRAMS FOR KIDS:**

**Alien Spaceship Craft** 

Friday July 12, 4-4:45pm, Auditorium for ages 4 - 9

Create your own space adventure! Hear a story about a visitor from outer space and then make a spaceship with its own alien pilot.

Registration is required.

#### Ocean Adventure with the Center for Aquatic Sciences

Friday July 19, 4-4:45pm,
Auditorium for all ages
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#### Graphic Novels are Life! Telling Your Own Story (Virtual)

Tuesday July 30, 2-3pm, Online for ages 8+ Join this year's winner of the National Book Award for Young People's Literature, Dan Santat, as he inspires tweens and teens to tell their own stories through graphic novels. Registration is required to receive a Zoom link.

#### **PROGRAMS FOR TEENS:**

**Dungeons & Dragons Club** 

Mondays, July 1, 8, 15 & 29, 5-8pm, Teen Space for ages 12+ Join the D&D fantasy adventure game. Registration is required.

#### **Food Adventures with Janis**

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Zip:07922



Qty: 7,500

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tanwood

Dost

Florham Park Press NJ

Qty: 5,500 Zip:07932



Qty: 2,500 Zip:07027



Zip: 07066

Qty: 3,000 Zip: 08812



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Qty: 17,900 Zip: 07036



Scotch

Qty: 3,500 Zips: 07933. 07946,07980



Zip: 07940

Short Hills

MILLBURN

MONTHLY

Qty: 8,200

Zips: 070-61



Qty: 2,900 Zip: 07092

Summit

& Times

Qty: 9,600

Zip: 07901



Qty: 5,100

Qty: 6,800

Zip: 07083 (partial)



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Qty: 6,200

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Zip: 07076

Qty: 2,700 Zip: 07069

Qty: 11,800 Zip: 07090

24 TOWNS

21 TOWNS

\$550

#### NEWSPAPER AD RATES

nits Size					1 TOWN	
1	Unit (Business	card)	3.25° x	2"	\$60	
2	Units	6.5° x 2° or	3.25° x	4"	\$100	
4	Units	3.25° x 8° or	6.5° x	4"	\$180	
6	Units 6	.5° x 6.25° or	10° x	4"	\$240	
9	HALF PAGE	6.5° x 9° or	10° x	7"	\$320	
12	Units		10" x	8°	\$360	
18	FULL PAGE		10° x	14"	\$400	
PAGE SPREAD 21" x 14"					\$700	
ACK PAGE 10			10° x	14"	\$500	
RONT PAGE BANNER 8.25" x 2"					\$320	
RONT PAGE BOX 1.5" x 4.5"				4.5"	\$240	

Rates are per month. Artwork included in price. Newspapers are black on white 9 12 TORNS 3 TOWNS 15 TOWNS TOWNS \$350

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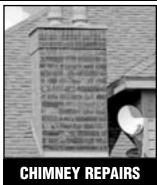
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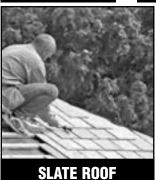




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