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## DOWNTOWN ART FESTIVAL AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) is proud to announce the exciting return of Arts & Cars Downtown Art Festival and Peotter's Classic Car Show on Sunday, September 15th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Presented in collaboration with the Visual Arts Center of NJ and Peotter's Auto Body & Spa, this family-friendly event is designed to celebrate the vibrant arts community and the timeless appeal of classic and exotic cars. Guests can expect a day filled with great food, live music, children's entertainment, art and wares, classic and exotic cars from all years and much more in downtown Summit. The Arts & Cars Downtown Art Festival and Classic Car Show is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to explore the charming downtown area, discover new art and artists, and immerse themselves in a day of culture and entertainment. Here are some event highlights:

**Downtown Art Festival:** The Summit Downtown Art Festival is an outdoor, juried art show and showcases a diverse range of artistic talents, featuring local artists and artisans presenting their creations in various mediums, including paintings, sculptures, jewelry, and more. Visitors will have the opportunity to explore and purchase unique and original items. The Art Festival, organized by the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey will be located on Springfield Avenue between Beechwood Road and Summit Avenue.

**Live Entertainment:** Throughout the day, visitors can enjoy live music and performances by local musicians, adding to the festive atmosphere and providing a lively backdrop for the event. The main stage will include performance by The Wag, Maura Glynn Band and Rusty Monks; the beer garden will feature Summit Street Sounds favorites Matt & Rob. Special thanks to Summit Family & Cosmetic Dentistry, Dwell NJ and M&T Bank for their entertainment sponsorship.

**Classic & Exotic Car Show:** Now sponsored and staffed by Peotter's Auto Body and Spa, hundreds of classic cars and exotics will be on display for car enthusiasts' enjoyment along Union Place and lower Beechwood Road. Exciting new categories and prizes for the cars. The showcase will highlight the beauty, design, and history of vintage automobiles and newer model cars, sure to please car enthusiasts of all ages. To register your car for the event please visit our website [summitdowntown.org/events](http://summitdowntown.org/events).

**Food Truck Alley:** Food trucks will be located on Bank Street. Most downtown businesses also offer takeout that you can bring to the beer garden, too! New this year: The Mexi Boys with southwestern eats and treats and a great vegetarian menu; The Blue Lady Food Truck with gourmet hot dogs, fries and more; Returning favorites will include Angry Archies, offering seafood items and sandwiches; Puras Paletas with

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Children's Activities will be provided by the Summit YMCA and The Connection on Springfield Avenue between Beechwood Road & Maple Street. Both be providing exciting interactive activities for kids of many ages! Also roaming around for the kids will be Krazy Kevin juggling along on his unicycle and Shawn Yaney the immensely popular balloon artist, and additional activities from Robot Revolution, FPC Car Racing, Henna by Helen, and more.

Summit Farmers Market will be open at the corner of DeForest Ave. and Woodland Ave. from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. *Summit Downtown, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the on-going development and promotion of the business community in downtown Summit, NJ.*

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# FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

## Summit Fire Department

The City of Summit Fire Department is issuing a series of campus fire safety tips for college students to use during the school year. U.S. fire departments respond to an estimated annual average of 3,870 structure fires in dormitories, fraternities, sororities, and off-campus housing. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, from 2000 to 2015, 85 fires that resulted in 118 fatalities occurred on a college campus.

“The Summit Fire Department recognizes that going to college is an exciting time for students and their families,” explains Fire Chief Eric Evers. “Living away from home for the first time not only gives young adults more freedom to make their own choices, but it also puts upon them an increased level of personal responsibility while at school. When it comes to on- and off-campus housing, it’s important to educate students on fire safety.”

The following safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association can be used to ensure a fire-safe environment on campus.

- Look for fully sprinklered housing when choosing a dorm or off-campus housing.
- If you live in a dormitory, make sure your sleeping room has a smoke alarm, or your dormitory suite has a smoke alarm in each

living area as well as the sleeping room. For the best protection, all smoke alarms in the dormitory suite should be interconnected so that when one sounds, they all sound.

- If you live in an apartment or house, make sure smoke alarms are installed in each sleeping room, outside every sleeping area, and on each level of the apartment unit or house. For the best protection, all smoke alarms in the apartment unit or house should be interconnected so that when one sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least monthly, and never remove batteries or disable the alarm.
- Learn your building’s evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they are the real thing.
- If you live off campus, have a fire escape plan with two ways out of every room.
- When the smoke alarm or fire alarm sounds, get out of the building quickly and stay out.
- Check with your local fire department for any restrictions before using a grill, fire pit, or chiminea.
- Check your school’s rules before using electrical appliances in your room.

For more information and fire safety tips, please visit [www.cityofsummit.org/fire](http://www.cityofsummit.org/fire) or contact the City of Summit Fire Department at 908-277-1033.

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## NJIO ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP AND EXCITING 2024-2025 SEASON

The New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) is thrilled to announce the appointment of Vincent (Vinnie) Novellino as Concertmaster and Emily Kane as Orchestral Operations Manager. In addition to these key leadership appointments, NJIO is excited to unveil its dynamic 2024-2025 concert season, featuring four free public concerts.

Vincent Novellino has been a dedicated member of the New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra (NJIO) since 1997, starting as a freelance performer and officially joining as



(above) Vincent Novellino

Principal Second Violinist and Coach in 2005. He holds degrees from Rutgers University and New Jersey City University and is the president of the Encore Orchestra of New Jersey. He will assume the position of Concertmaster under NJIO's Artistic Director, Warren Cohen.

Emily Kane joins the NJIO team as the inaugural Orchestral Operations Manager. Previously a member of NJIO as a teen. Her musical journeys have taken her all over the world, including Carnegie Hall, the Schola Cantorum in Paris, and three NFL stadiums. She holds a degree in applied mathematics and honors clarinet performance from the University of Notre Dame.

The NJIO 2024-2025 season promises a diverse and exciting lineup, featuring several collaborations and soloists. The year kicks off with a showcase of young talent as the co-winners of the NJIO Young Artist Concerto

Competition take center stage on November 10th at the historic Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, performing Tchaikovsky and Dvorak masterpieces. The festive spirit of the holidays fills the air on December 8th with a family-friendly concert followed by an instrument petting zoo at Summit High School.

On February 23rd 2025, the NJIO Symphony delves into the world of ballet with Ronaldo Hahn's "Le Fete Chez Therese". The season culminates on April 27th with a performance of Schubert's Symphony No. 7.

All of NJIO's concerts are free and open to the public.

NJIO is open to amateur musicians of all ages and experience levels. They currently have openings for string bass players, French horn players, violinists, and violists. No audition is required.

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Enjoy a meal at one of Summit's outdoor cafes, listen to some great live music, and shop at the downtown businesses, some of which will be open late. Be sure to visit the Promenade on Springfield Avenue, filled with tables and chairs for outdoor dining and enjoying the music.

### PERFORMERS AND LOCATIONS

#### FOR THE FIRST WEEK\* - SEPTEMBER 6

- Promenade (next to the fountain, 426 Springfield Ave)-Bossa5
- Lyric Park (corner of Bank St & Beechwood Rd) -The Frost Kings
- Starbucks (corner of Union Pl & Beechwood Rd) -Milan
- Horse Trough (by Pizza Vita, 7 Union Pl) - firepit
- Maple Street (by Robot Revolution, 34 Maple St) -Brian Bauers
- Union Place (in front of Jamie's Shoe Repair, 79 Union Pl)- Jacob Mathews

#### SPECIAL PERFORMANCE SEPTEMBER 7 1-4PM FOR WELCOME BACK SUMMIT!

- Promenade (next to the fountain, 426 Springfield Ave) - Whiskey & Sugar
- Lyric Park (corner of Bank St & Beechwood Rd) - DJ Mr. Socks
- Starbucks (corner of Union Pl & Beechwood Rd) - Maura Glynn Duo
- Maple Street (by Robot Revolution, 34 Maple St) -Next Stage Duo

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Check our website for a full list of performers and locations: [summitdowntown.org](http://summitdowntown.org). Summit Downtown, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the on-going development and promotion of the business community in downtown Summit, NJ.

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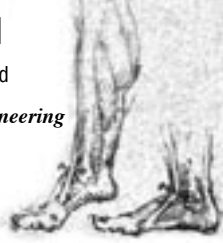
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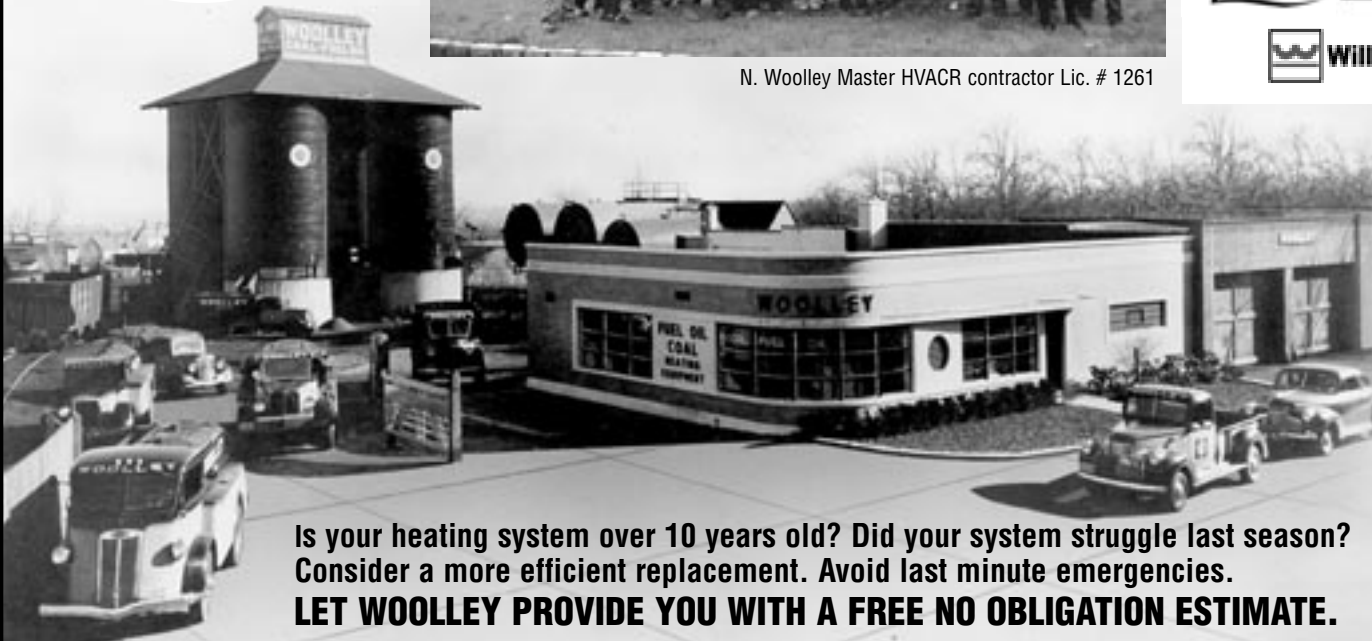
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For sponsorship interest or more information about this event, please contact Apollo Hrehorovich at [funday@njelks-eed.org](mailto:funday@njelks-eed.org), call or text 732-540-0062, or visit <http://funday.njelks-eed.org>.

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# ELAINE ANDERSON SWORN IN AS CASA VOLUNTEER FOR FOSTER YOUTH

## Child Focus

Elaine Anderson of Summit was sworn in as a CASA volunteer on June 11th alongside training classmates Patience Opaola of Linden, Loretta Gadson of West Orange, Kathleen Oates-Nies of Westfield, Christine Larrabee of Cranford, and Robert Tracy of Cresskill.

Union County Superior Court Judge Rosalba Comas presided over the swearing-in of the newly trained volunteers, and each can now be assigned to work with children living in foster care through no fault of their own, advocating for

their best interests and ensuring their needs are met while in the child welfare system.

“As a volunteer opportunity, CASA brings it all together for me,” Anderson shared. “The organization allows me to have a meaningful impact on my local community with a purpose that I truly believe in. Every child deserves a chance.”

The nonprofit organization Child Focus operates CASA of Passaic and Union Counties, and its goal is to provide a CASA volunteer for each of the more than 250 child-victims in Union County foster care. Currently, just 30 percent of these vulnerable infants, children, and teens have the continuity and support of a CASA volunteer serving as extra eyes and ears for judges hearing their cases. The need is critical for additional volunteers to step up and serve waiting children.

Judge Comas expressed her gratitude for the CASA program and the volunteers’ commitment to the children they serve. “If I really want to know what’s happening with a child I listen to the CASA worker, because they are 100% in tune with everything that the child needs, and everything that’s happening in the child’s life.”

Since caseworkers, attorneys, and foster homes are ever-changing, the CASA volunteer – or advocate – is a much-needed constant in a child’s life, committing to work with the child until they reach permanency in a stable home and the case closes. Children assigned a CASA volunteer are more likely to receive services, spend less time

in the foster system, and experience significantly better outcomes than those without an advocate.

Becoming a CASA requires no special skills or background in child welfare. Child Focus provides thorough training on the ins and outs of advocating for abused and neglected children, and volunteers are fully supported by CASA program staff. Volunteers visit the children at least monthly and get to know the people in the child’s life, such as foster parents, biological parents, teachers, therapists, and attorneys in order to make unbiased recommendations to the family court judge that support the child’s best interests.

There is an urgent need for additional community members to speak up for abused and neglected children. The first step to becoming an advocate is to attend an information session. Upcoming sessions will be held Monday, July 8 at 5:30 p.m. at the Elizabeth Public Library (Elmora Branch), 740 W Grand St, Elizabeth, NJ 07202; Thursday, July 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rahway Public Library, 2 City Hall Plaza in Rahway; Thursday July 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Union County Colleen Fraser Building, 300 North Avenue East in Westfield; or Monday July 1 at 10 a.m., Monday July 15 at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday July 24 at 12 p.m., and Wednesday July 31 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne Child Focus office, 415 Hamburg Turnpike, Suite D2. Register now at [casapassaicunion.org/info-session](http://casapassaicunion.org/info-session).



(above) Elaine Anderson of Summit was sworn in as a CASA volunteer.



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## OFFICERS CASTILLO AND PONS SWORN IN

### City of Summit

Summit Mayor Elizabeth Fagan, MD, presided over the swearing-in ceremony for new Summit police officers Yeriel Castillo and Robert Pons on August 2, 2024, at City Hall.

Officer Yeriel Castillo grew up in Paterson, New Jersey. After graduating from the Bergen County Police Academy, he was hired by the Paterson Police Department as a Patrol Officer. While in this role, he was appointed to the position of Officer in Charge. Officer Castillo has received several letters of commendation, specifically tied to his involvement with the safe apprehension of suspects in possession of firearms, as well as his response to a residential structure fire to help remove victims. Officer Castillo has also been inducted into the New Jersey Honor Legion and is a trained crisis negotiator, certified crisis intervention team member, and fluent in Spanish.

Officer Robert Pons grew up in Elizabeth, New Jersey, and attended Thomas Edison State University, receiving an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and a graduate degree in Cybersecurity. Shortly after graduating from the Essex County Police Academy, Officer Pons was hired by the Chatham Boro Police Department as a Patrol Officer. He was appointed to the role of Officer in Charge and in 2022 he received a Life Saving Award.



(above, l-r) Captain Ryan Peters, Mayor Elizabeth Fagan, Officer Robert Pons, Officer Yeriel Castillo, and Captain Michael Treiber.

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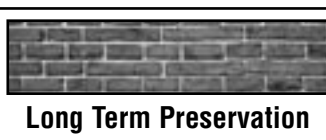
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## SUMMIT EMS RESPONSES – JULY 2024

Submitted by John Staunton

Summit's EMS responded to 196 emergency calls during the month of July.

Calls for the month included 119 medical emergencies; 23 falls; 7 motor vehicle accidents; 21 traumatic injuries; two allergic reactions; three cases of overdose or poisoning; two cases of heat exhaustion; five responses to a medical alarm; two pedestrians struck by a vehicle; and 1 response to a fire scene. Squad Volunteers also provided two "lift assists" to patients who did not require transport to a hospital as well as 2 non-emergency transports of Summit residents.

12 emergency calls were answered by an off-duty "back-up crew" of volunteers responding from home or work when the on-duty crew was busy. Summit volunteers also provided mutual aid assistance five times to three neighboring towns. 20 patients transported to a hospital by Squad members also received advanced life support care from hospital-based paramedics who accompanied the Squad's ambulance. During July, Squad volunteers transported 142 patients to three different hospitals.

On 2 separate occasions during July, the Squad had all 3 ambulances responding to emergency calls or stand-by events. The Squad also hosted two CPR classes at their building and provided EMS coverage at 4 community events, including Summit's Independence Day activities, Summit Community Night, and the Mt. Carmel Festival in Berkeley Heights.

The Squad answers calls for help 24 hours a day and at a variety of locations. June responses included 80 to a patient's home or apartment; 19 for accidents or medical emergencies on streets

or highways, including 4 on route 24 or 78; seven in a public park; two at Summit's City Hall; three at Summit's Public Library, and six at other public buildings; nine at a local business; seven at a bar or restaurant, and eight at a health care professional's office. There were also 11 medical incidents at Summit's train station; three at a bus stop; 12 at a local behavioral health facility; three on the grounds of Overlook Medical Center; 13 to an assisted living facility, two at a house of worship; seven on a sidewalk; two in a parking lot; and two at a public pool.

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: [summitems.org](http://summitems.org). P.O. Box 234 Summit, NJ 07902-0234, Emergencies: dial 9-1-1, Business & Transportations: (908) 277-9479 Email: [info@summitems.org](mailto:info@summitems.org), Web site: [summitems.org](http://summitems.org).



(above) Summit EMS volunteers participating in Summit Community Night on July 23.

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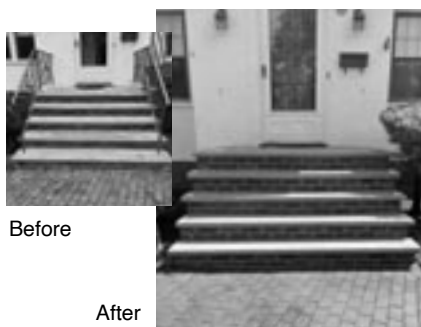
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The festival will take place from Friday, September 27- Sunday, September 29 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, located at 250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, NJ. Highlights of this year's festivities include:

**Authentic Greek Cuisine:** Indulge in mouthwatering gyros, souvlaki, spanakopita, baklava, loukoumades and other traditional

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**Live Music and Dance Performances:** Enjoy live performances of Greek music and traditional dance, featuring vibrant costumes and energetic routines that celebrate Greece's rich cultural heritage.

**Marketplace:** Browse our emporium offering Greek-themed arts, crafts, jewelry, and souvenirs, perfect for taking home a piece of Greece.

**Kids' Activities:** Keep the little ones entertained with games, face painting, and other fun activities designed just for them.

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"We are excited to welcome the community to our annual NJ Greek Fest, where everyone can experience the warmth and hospitality of Greece right here in Westfield," said Fr. Peter Delvzizis, presiding priest of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox

Church. "It's a wonderful opportunity for people of all backgrounds to come together, enjoy delicious food, lively music, and celebrate our cultural traditions."

Admission to the festival is \$2. A portion of the festival proceeds will benefit Holy Trinity's community outreach programs.

Join us in celebrating Greek culture, heritage, and community spirit at the annual Westfield Greek Festival. For more information and updates, please visit [njgreekfest.com](http://njgreekfest.com) and follow @njgreekfest on Instagram and Facebook.

**About Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church:** Holy Trinity is a cornerstone of the Westfield community and surrounding area, founded in 1966, is dedicated to enriching lives through faith, fellowship, and service. Our annual NJ Greek Fest is one of the many ways we connect with our neighbors and celebrate our shared values.

For media inquiries, please contact: Jeannie Arida, Media Liaison, Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, (908) 233-8533,

## GREEK FEST IN UNION, NJ SEP 5-8

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### EVENT DETAILS:

- Dates: September 5th to September 8th, 2024
- Location: St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 721 Rahway Ave, Union, NJ 07083 (Free Parking in neighboring lots)
- Admission: \$2 general admission; a portion of admission proceeds benefit local Union Township/Union County charities

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# ROCKTOBERFEST 2024 IN MILLBURN IS FAST APPROACHING:

This year's Rocktoberfest will take place on September 14 (rain date September 21) from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Taylor Park, and admission is free! All proceeds from the day's event benefit the Millburn Education Foundation (MEF), which supports Millburn Township schools, teachers and students by making grants to support important projects around the district. The Rocktoberfest Committee is thrilled to announce the continued and expanded offerings of this year's celebration.

Featuring over thirty music bands and solo artists, this year's Rocktoberfest has multiple stages: the Bauer Center Stage, the Riverside Stage and the Low Sensory Stage. We also invite attendees to Boxcar Bar & Grill from 11:30AM through the evening: start your day with brunch, enjoy live music; and kids, immerse yourself in activities directly outside of the restaurant! After brunch, take the train or drive to Taylor Park for the main event – once that's over, head back over to Boxcar for an after-party with live music until midnight.

A number of vendors will be at this year's Rocktoberfest – food vendors, shopping vendors, an Artisan village featuring handmade items, and nonprofits to learn about. Additionally, entry and drink tickets for the Beer & Wine garden (ages twenty-one and over) can be purchased at the event.

There will be a vast array of activities for the kids as well. The Kids Zone – with inflatable rides, carnival games, face painting, tournament-style games, and more – will offer a fun-filled experience for preschoolers, high-schoolers and everyone in between. Wristbands and tickets will be sold at the event in order to gain admission into the Kids Zone, where you'll also be within hearing distance of the electrifying music coming from the Riverside Stage. Keep in mind that kids will also be able to make murals with Millburn's One River Art Studio for free by the Beer & Wine Garden.

As did last year's Rocktoberfest, this year's celebration will include a low sensory stage featuring acoustic music, which has moved

indoors to a quiet and air-conditioned space inside the Bauer Center. New to the festival, this year the area just outside of the low sensory room will include NJ Special Olympic activities, including an obstacle course and a basketball demo. There will also be a silent disco outside, on the tennis courts, at dusk, for those who want to get their groove on to the beats of a DJ playing a variety of music on different channels.

The Rocktoberfest Committee extends a warm gratitude to our presenting sponsors: our Elvis Sponsors, Anheuser Busch/Stella Artois and Racquets Club Short Hills, and our Prince Sponsors, Boxcar Bar & Grill, Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate Group, Jesse Liu Memorial 5k to End Pancreatic Cancer, the Jodi and Joanna Group, LuxeLife Real Estate Group, Millburn Short Hills Chinese Association (MSHCA), Millburn Standard, the Paige Company, Paper Mill Playhouse, Sacks Orthodontics, Stone Mountain Properties, and The Upton Short Hills. Rocktoberfest 2024 would not be possible without the generous support of these sponsors, the dedication of our volunteers, and the enthusiastic participation of the Millburn-Short Hills community.

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- Monday collection moves to Tuesday, September 3
- Tuesday collection moves to Wednesday, September 4
- Wednesday collection moves to Thursday, September 5
- Thursday collection moves to Friday, September 6
- Friday collection moves to Saturday, September 7

Recycling items should be placed at the curb by 6AM the morning of residents' pickup. Summit residents should use the SeeClickFix app or the Report a Concern module on the city website to report missed pickups: [cityofsummit.org/reportaconcern](http://cityofsummit.org/reportaconcern).

Trash collection is unaffected and will operate on a regular schedule the week of September 2. More information on trash and recycling is available at [cityofsummit.org/recycling](http://cityofsummit.org/recycling).

Monday, September 2, is a parking holiday in Summit and city offices will be closed.

## FREE REPAIR EVENT RETURNS ITEMS TO GLORY

Summit's Repair Cafe event, hosted by Repair Cafe Garden State, will return on Saturday, September 14 at Barnwell Hall in Christ Church from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Christ Church is located at 561 Springfield Avenue, Summit. Please note that the final items for repair will be accepted until 2:30 p.m.

Free repair services for this event will include computers, electronics, lamps, woodworking, bicycles, sewing/textiles, jewelry, knife sharpening and sewing machines. To ensure equal opportunities for all, each person may bring a maximum of 2 items for repair, limited to 1 jewelry item.

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## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Strength Training for Seniors

Thursdays, September 5-26,  
10:00-10:45AM

A weekly series of classes to help seniors increase muscle tone, flexibility, balance, strength and endurance. Summit cardholders only. Instructor: Leena Kalle. Online.

### Friday, September 6, 7:00-8:30PM

#### Virtual Trivia Night

Join us for a virtual trivia night. The questions in this game are geared for people 18 and older but all ages are welcome to try. Online.

### Monday at the Movies

Mondays, September 9-30,  
12:30-2:30PM & 6:30-8:30PM

Every week, watch a different film in the Lower Level Program Room. All are welcome. No registration required.

### Virtual Author Talk with Garrett Graff

Tuesday, September 10, 2:00-3:00PM

New York Times bestselling author Garrett Graff will speak about his body of work, with particular focus on his oral histories.

### GRACE Pop-Up Distribution

Friday, September 13, 11:00AM-12:00PM

Free food distribution from GRACE (Giving & Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials). In-person.

### Art Talk: Francisco de Goya

Tuesday, September 17, 7:00-8:00PM

Learn about the extraordinary life of Francisco de Goya, one full of intrigue, tragedy, and astonishing creative intensity, illustrated by his dazzling works. Speaker: Janet Mandel. Online.

### Virtual Author Talk with Nate Klemp

Wednesday, September 18, 2:00-3:00PM

New York Times bestselling author and philosopher Nate Klemp helps us explore pathways back to open-minded living when he talks to us about the core tenets in his new book

Open: Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

### Explore Your World: America's Democratic Institutions-Function and Dysfunction

Fridays, September 20 – October 11,  
10:00AM-12:00PM

Each week we will cover a different institution: Congress, the Presidency, the courts, and the federal bureaucracy. In-person and online.

### Brown Bag Book Club

Friday, September 20, 12:30-1:30PM

Lunchtime book group for adults. Book to be discussed: A Fine Romance by Candice Bergen.

Refreshments served. In-person

### Virtual Author Talk with Liane Moriarty

Saturday, September 21, 9:00-10:00PM

Chat with mega-bestselling author Liane Moriarty about her newest novel Here One Moment. Online.

### Adult Craft Program

Sunday, September 22, 2:00-3:30PM

Details TBA. Instructor: Marge Barkan. In-person.

### Hats Off to Victorian Women

Tuesday, September 24, 7:00-8:00PM

Carlotta Holton explains the fascinating history of these hats and demonstrates her colorful, stylish and often whimsical collection of Victorian headwear. In-person.

### Great Decisions Discussion:

#### U.S. China Trade Rivalry

Wednesday, September 25, 1:00-3:00PM

Topic: Is it wise for the U.S. to restrict China's access to American technology and investment. In-person.

### GRACE Pop-Up Distribution

Friday, September 27, 12:00-1:00PM

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### Chinese Corner: Calligraphy Workshop

Sunday, September 29, 2:00-3:00PM

Join us for an in-person Chinese Calligraphy Workshop for people who are interested in traditional Chinese calligraphy to meet. Open to all ages and skill levels. In-person.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Crafts Together

Wednesdays, September 4 & 11,  
10:00-11:00AM

Create age-appropriate crafts together. For children aged 2 – 6 and their caregivers.

### Storytime Yoga

Wednesday, September 18,  
11:30AM-12:00PM

Join Ms. Pam from Peace Play NJ for a FREE yoga class. Ages 2-5.

### Talk Like A Pirate Day

Thursday, September 19, 4:00-5:00PM

Listen to some swashbuckling stories, and create some pirate crafts to take home. For Grades K-3.

### Rubik's Corner

Friday, September 20, 3:00-4:30PM

Learn the basics of speed cubing with nationally ranked players. Grades 3-12.

### STEM Saturdays

Saturday, September 21, 2:00-3:00PM

Join the library's Teen Volunteers and learn basic STEM concepts. Grades K-5.

### Chinese Corner: Mid-Autumn Festival

Sunday, September 22, 2:00-3:00PM

The Mid-Autumn Festival is approaching! Join us to learn about the traditions and stories behind this special holiday and make delicious snow skin mooncakes together. Bring your moon cake home and share with family and friends to enjoy this sweet reunion. Grades K-5.

### Books and Woofs

Monday, September 23, 7:00-8:00PM

Practice reading aloud to Seeing Eye Dogs and Puppies. For Grades 1-5.

### Banned Books Read Out

Wednesday, September 25, 7:00-8:30PM

The Library's teen volunteers will help us celebrate Banned Books Week 2024 by reading an excerpt of a banned book aloud in front of an audience. For teens and adults.

## RECURRING YOUTH PROGRAMS:

### Little Sprouts (Grades K-5)

Mondays, September 9-30 @ 4:00-5:00PM

### Baby Bookworms (6 mos. – 2yrs)

Mondays starting September 16  
@ 10:00-10:30AM & 10:30-11:00AM

### Teen Nights (Grades 6-12)

Tuesdays starting September 10  
@ 6:00-7:00PM

### Listen, Play, Create (2-5 yrs)

Tuesdays starting September 17  
@ 10:00-10:45AM & 4:00-4:45PM

### Book Buddies (Grades K-3)

Wednesdays starting September 18  
@ 4:00-5:00PM

### CATSS After-School Programs (Grades 6-8)

Mondays – Fridays starting September 3  
@ 3:00-4:30PM

### Homework Helpers (Grades 1-8)

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The legendary score, which includes 'I Don't Know How to Love Him', 'Gethsemane' and 'Superstar', began life as a groundbreaking rock double-album, with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber who, at the ages of 25

and 21 respectively, were just embarking on what would become extraordinarily long and successful careers. Though originally conceived as a theatre piece, no one was interested in producing it on stage, so the pair created a concept album instead. Jesus Christ Superstar is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary series of events during the final week in the life of Jesus Christ, as seen through the eyes of Judas

Iscariot, one of his twelve apostles.

Released in 1970, the album's popularity rocketed with thousands of plays on FM radio. It became a #1 hit on the USA Billboard album charts 4 months after its release. It went on to be the biggest-selling album of 1971 beating the likes of such masterpieces as 'Sticky Fingers' by the Rolling Stones, 'Santana III' and John Lennon's 'Imagine'. Jesus Christ Superstar also received a 1972 Grammy nomination for Album of the Year, but lost to Carole King's Tapestry. On October 12th, 1971, Jesus Christ Superstar opened at the Mark Hellinger Theatre on Broadway with Tom O'Horgan, who had previously directed the original production of Hair, directing.

The cast is led by Jared Milian as Jesus, Blaze Levario as Judas, Melissa Calicchio as Mary, Corey Chichizola as Caiaphas, Shane Long as Herod, Robbie Stevens as Peter, Michael Fleischer as Pilate and Danielle Bouie as Simon. Joining them as Apostles, Priests and Ensemble will be Asher Cerreto, Arielle Dance, Alex Foreman, James Hahn, Ranai Jones, Gene Juanich, Kaite Kane, Alexandra Marcinak, Erica Vieira, Edgar Hidalgo, Joe Rodriguez, Michelle Sblendorio, Christina Cruz, Haley Deluna and Nikki Scavone.

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