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VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD HONORED

Submitted by John Staunton

As has been a longstanding tradition, Mayor Elizabeth Fagan issued a Proclamation designating September as “Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad Month” in the City. The Proclamation came as the Squad prepared to launch 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; neither the patients they serve nor the taxpayer has ever received a bill.

Over a dozen Squad Members attended the meeting to accept the Proclamation including Chief George Shepherd, Deputy Chief Laura Benevento and Vice President Leah Griffith. As the meeting was starting, 4 of those members quickly left the room to answer a 9-1-1 medical emergency call. Just after the presentation, an additional member left to respond to a 2nd 9-1-1 call for a motor vehicle accident. Within 90 minutes of Mayor Fagan’s Proclamation, Squad members would use all 3 ambulances to answer a total of 5 emergency calls in Summit.

In her Proclamation, Mayor Fagan praised the Squad for answering over 2,300 emergency calls in 2023 and estimated the Squad saves the City about 2 million dollars annually. Doctor Fagan recently visited the Squad for a “ride-along” with one of its crews.

The Squad’s fund drive appeal is sent by US Postal mail to every residence and business in Summit. They do not solicit by phone and do not use any outside fundraising agencies. Donations are also accepted online at summititems.org/donate. “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 are provided. For information on becoming a volunteer, or donating to the squad please call 908-277-9479, or visit their website at summititems.org.

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(above, l-r) Mayor Fagan with Squad Members Leah Griffith, Laura Benevento and George Shepherd.

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CITY OF SUMMIT HALLOWEEN EVENTS

The Haunted Hike will take place on Friday, October 11, at Martin's Brook Park located on Butler Parkway. A less-scary hike for younger children will take place from 6PM to 7PM. The "super scary" hike will take place from 7PM to 8PM and feature spooky characters jumping out along the trail. Adult supervision is required for any child in fourth grade or younger. There is a suggested \$5 donation at entry.

Scream on the Green will be held on Sunday, October 20, on the Village Green, located at 356 Broad Street in Summit. The featured movie will be Monsters, Inc. A family dance party will begin at 6PM and the movie will be shown at dusk. Attendees can enjoy bonfires and s'mores and are encouraged to bring a blanket or chairs as no seating is provided for the movie.

The Summit Police Athletic League and Department of Community Programs are hosting

the annual Halloween parade on Saturday, October 26, from 3PM to 5PM. Participants are asked to line up at 25 Deforest Ave. at 2:45PM to march to the Village Green at 3PM and arrive at the Village Green. Attendees can enjoy music, entertainment, and snacks on the Village Green from 3PM. Individuals will be invited to walk across the main stage for the costume contest. The winners will be announced at 4:15PM. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place in the following categories: Most 2024 Relevant, Scariest, Cutest, Best Group, Most Original, Mayor's Choice, and Best Overall.

Music and entertainment will continue until 5PM. More information is available at [summitcommunityprograms.com /288/Halloween-Parade](http://summitcommunityprograms.com/288/Halloween-Parade).

Additional event information is available at summitcommunityprograms.com

LEAF COLLECTION

Fall curbside leaf collection begins on Monday, October 7, and continues through Friday, December 6 (or the first major snow fall). Leaves should be placed at the curb in paper, biodegradable bags for pickup on household trash collection day. Property owners should not rake or blow leaves into piles in the street. Do not include twigs, branches, or other yard debris in leaf bags.

Please note, it may take up to two weeks after placing bags at the curb before they are collected. Leaves are not picked up by the same trucks that collect trash; it is a separate truck that performs leaf collection. Leaves left at the curb after the last scheduled collection day will not be picked up.

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SUMMIT PD TRADING CARD PROGRAM



Trading Card Program Guidelines

For a safe and fun experience

Only approach an officer when they are NOT assisting others, providing first aid, conducting a traffic stop, directing traffic, or helping students to cross the street.

Do not approach a police vehicle with its emergency lights flashing even if it is stopped.

When you approach an officer, introduce yourself, share your age, name, where you go to school, and anything else you would like to mention.

If an officer receives a call, they may need to leave abruptly.

Parents should NOT collect cards for children. The idea is to promote positive interactions with young residents and Summit Police Officers.

Only collect one card for each Summit Police Officer, Detective, civilian staff member, and Mayor Elizabeth Fagan.

Bring children to the Police Records Bureau window at City Hall to have collection verified and provide contact information for parent or guardian.

Prize lottery details

- If children collect 20 out of 56 cards they will be entered into the lottery.
- If children collect 40 out of 56 cards they will be entered into the lottery twice.
- If children collect all 56 cards they will be entered into the lottery three times.

ALL AGES WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE BUT PRIZES LIMITED TO CHILDREN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGE AND YOUNGER

Program timeline

- Collect cards from September 18, 2024, until June 30, 2025. New cards will be released every two weeks; view the schedule on the city website at cityofsummit.org/tradingcards.
- Prize winners will be announced at National Night Out in August 2025.
- The parent or guardian of each winner will be contacted directly.

The Summit Police Department's trading card program is returning for the 20th anniversary of the program's inception. Originally launched in 2004, the program is designed to foster communication and trust between members of the Police Department and young Summit residents. This will be the fifth installment of the program.

Each sworn and civilian member of the Summit Police Department is issued a trading card with their name, position, and photograph on the front, with a brief biographical statement on the back. Children are encouraged to collect all 56 trading cards by approaching police officers and staff and asking for their card.

"Our goal for this program is for children to become comfortable with approaching an officer in town and initiating a conversation to ask for their trading card," explains Summit Police Chief Steven Zagorski. "We are always working to strengthen our relationship with the residents of Summit, and this makes the process more personal. The trading card program will

also help familiarize our younger residents with the names and faces of our officers, so that perhaps in a time of need, it is easy for them to reach out to an officer for help."

Trading cards are now available, until Monday, June 30, 2025. Every two weeks, a new group of featured cards will be available at the Police Department Records Bureau window at City Hall until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A prize drawing lottery will be held in August 2025 for children in grades Pre-K through fifth grade. Children who have collected 20, 40, or all 56 trading cards will be entered into the raffle once, twice, or three times based on the number of cards they have collected. The trading card program is funded by the Summit Elks Lodge 1246.

For more information, including program and lottery guidelines, a list of featured cards, and a poster of all 56 cards, please visit cityofsummit.org/tradingcards or contact the Summit Police Department at 908-273-0051.



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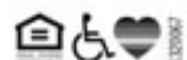
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MIKE MCTERNAN APPOINTED TO FILL WARD 2 VACANCY

City of Summit

At its meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, Summit Common Council voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mike McTernan as Ward 2 Common Councilmember. McTernan fills the Ward 2 seat vacated by former Council President Lisa Allen who resigned earlier this month.

“We are extremely pleased that someone with Mike's passion for serving the residents of Summit has agreed to fill this vacancy,” says Mayor Elizabeth Fagan, MD. “Mike's previous record of service on council and long history of giving back to Summit are true assets to the city. I know he will serve our community well in this position.”

“Public service is an honor and a privilege,” says McTernan. “I am pleased to be able to help Mayor Fagan and council guide Summit in reflecting the values and aspirations of our vibrant community.”

McTernan previously served as a councilmember in Ward 1 from 2014 to 2019 and as Council President during 2016 and 2017. During this time, he chaired the Finance and Personnel Committee, Public Works Committee, Administrative Committee, and served on the Safety Committee and Law Committee. He was a liaison to the Joint Meeting of Union and Essex County, the Historic Preservation Committee, Summit Downtown Inc., Summit Public Art, the

Field User Committee, and the Parking Advisory Committee.

A graduate of Dartmouth College and the valedictorian of his class at Ridge High School in Basking Ridge, McTernan had a decades-long career in finance with several major investment banks in New York and London, working in and managing various fixed income distribution businesses. He subsequently returned to school to earn his master's degree in education from Seton Hall University and has taught 9th and 11th grade social studies at his alma mater since 2019.

McTernan has been extremely civic-minded,

coaching youth basketball, soccer, and baseball for many years in Summit. He has served as president of the PAL, on the Parkline Foundation Board, and is currently the Americanism Chair at the Summit Elks Lodge 1246.

McTernan and his wife, Julie, have lived in Summit since 2002 and have raised four children who all graduated from Summit High School.

“I've raised a family here and Julie and I love Summit,” says McTernan. “I'm honored that the council has asked me to fill Lisa's seat. Given how great a place Summit is and has been to my family, I just couldn't say no.”



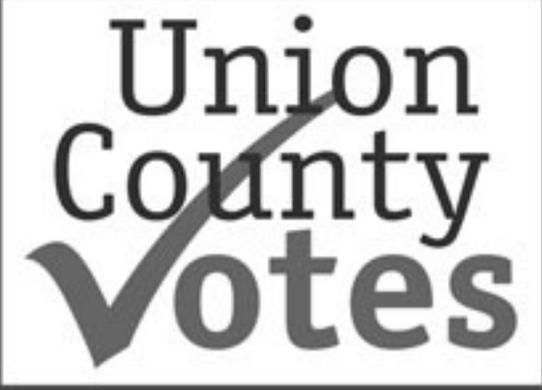
(above, l-r) Summit Mayor Elizabeth Fagan MD and Councilmember Mike McTernan.

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Donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped at Memorial Hall on Thursday, October 17, from 12 -7 p.m. and Friday, October 18, from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Donations can include household items. Items that cannot be accepted include cribs, car seats, clothing, stuffed animals, TVs and computer equipment.

All proceeds benefit underserved children in our community.

CCS is a group of dedicated volunteers from all faiths and backgrounds that are joined with the purpose to help under-resourced children and their families.



(above, l-r) Ready to serve you are volunteers Mary Rollino, Christine Murray, Amy Kovar, Rikki Owens, and Kathy Franolich of Christ Child Society of Summit.

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Submitted by Stefanie Faris

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This year's drive was made possible by a very

generous donation from the Summit Elks Club and a grant from the Summit Luminary fund.

In addition to receiving essential school supplies, students had the opportunity to choose from a large collection of gently used books and arts and crafts.

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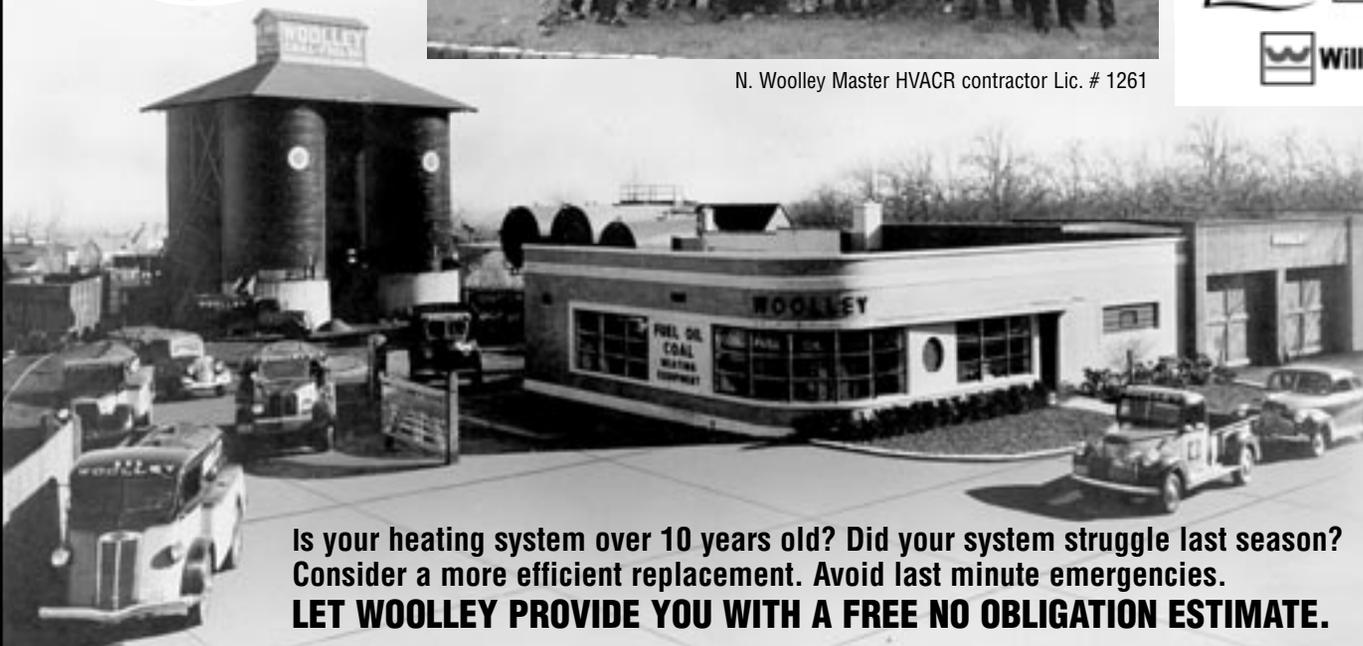
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AMERICAN RIVER DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

Summit Library

The Summit Library will host a screening of the acclaimed documentary film, “American River”, followed by a Q&A session with filmmaker Scott Morris, on Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. This inspiring film, winner of the Best of Festival and Best Documentary Audience Awards at the Teaneck International Film Festival, follows Mary Bruno on a personal journey down New Jersey’s Passaic River, one of the most neglected waterways in America.

Directed by seasoned filmmaker Scott Morris, American River is a blend of personal memoir, adventure, history, and science. The film takes viewers on a 4-day, 80-mile kayak adventure down the Passaic River, from its pristine source in a wildlife refuge to its toxic mouth in Newark

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The documentary is based on Mary Bruno's book, An American River: From Paradise to Superfund. The film has a runtime of 86 minutes and has been an official selection at several prestigious film festivals, including the Teaneck International Film Festival, Global Peace Film Festival, Princeton Environmental Film Festival, RiverRun International Film Festival, and Montclair Film Festival.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. Please register at the Library’s website at summitlibrary.org.

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GREENWOOD GARDENS VOLUNTEERS HONORED BY STATE OF NJ

Greenwood Gardens' Visitor Services Volunteers, a steadfast group of committed individuals comprising Greeters, Garden Docents, and Tour Guides, have been recognized by the New Jersey State Governor's Volunteerism Awards for exemplary service in 2023. Nominated by Greenwood in the Volunteer Group category, these volunteers are an integral extension of the organization's Visitor Services team, playing a pivotal role in welcoming thousands of guests annually, and enhancing the staff's capacity to educate the public about the history and features of this historic 28-acre site. In 2023, the Visitor Services Volunteers dedicated 589 hours of service, enabling Greenwood to warmly and informatively host nearly 8,000 visitors. More information on how to volunteer at Greenwood is available at greenwoodgardens.org/volunteer.

ABOUT GREENWOOD GARDENS

Greenwood Gardens is a non-profit 28-acre public garden and historic site located at 274 Old Short Hills Road in Short Hills, New Jersey. A former private estate owned by the Day and Blanchard families, today Greenwood is a peaceful haven graced by terraced gardens, stately fountains, woodlands, grottoes, Arts and Crafts follies, and winding paths dating to the 1920s. Greenwood Gardens is supported by gifts, membership, and volunteers.

For further information, visit greenwoodgardens.org or call 973-258-4026. To book a Group Tour for ten or more, email info@greenwoodgardens.org. Please follow us on Facebook [@GreenwoodShortHills](https://www.facebook.com/GreenwoodShortHills)



(above) A group of Greenwood Gardens' Visitor Services Volunteers display the New Jersey State Governor's Volunteerism Awards certificate signed by Governor Phil Murphy. Front row, l-r: Pamela Woodnick, Eileen Dormer, Darcy Tierney, Betty Dougherty, Rachel Astalos, Robert Constantin, Sylvie Constantin Back row, l-r: Mary Ann O'Brien, Chris Costanzo, Bill Moran, Margot O'Neill, Ceil Maher, Michelle Miller, Trish Lister, Yvonne Valenti.

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LONG-TIME PUPPY RAISERS HONORED

The Seeing Eye

The Seeing Eye recently honored five long-time puppy raisers with induction to “The Seeing Eye 21 Club”, a special honor for volunteers who have raised at least 21 Seeing Eye® puppies. The non-profit also honored the Seeing Eye puppy raising club volunteers with two awards, the Outstanding Leader Award and the 20-year Leader Award. Finally, 34 exceptional college-bound puppy raisers were awarded college scholarships totaling \$64,000.

“Each year, The Seeing Eye’s Family Day is a celebration of all the hard work and dedication of our volunteer puppy raising families,” said Seeing Eye director of canine development Peggy Gibbon. “An army of volunteers provides each Seeing Eye puppy with a loving home environment, socialization, and basic training that prepares them to become Seeing Eye dogs for people who are blind.”

“We’re actively recruiting puppy raisers and puppy sitters for our upcoming litters that are planned for the coming months. If you’re interested in joining our community of dog lovers, now is a great time to reach out to us and learn what puppy raising is all about,” said Gibbon. “We need homes and families of all shapes and sizes for our puppies because fully trained Seeing Eye dogs are placed in similarly diverse families and living situations with people who are blind.”

A puppy raiser family is responsible for providing a loving and nurturing home environment for approximately one year. During

that time, the raiser is responsible for teaching basic obedience, house manners, bringing the puppy to Seeing Eye puppy club meetings and socialization trips in their area. The Seeing Eye puppy could be a German shepherd, Labrador retriever, golden retriever, or a Labrador/golden retriever cross.

Puppy raisers must live within New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware or New York (Rockland or Orange Counties) so they can attend regular puppy club meetings where they will receive help and coaching with their puppies. All veterinary expenses are covered by The Seeing Eye and a stipend is provided to help cover the cost of dog food. If a Seeing Eye puppy does not graduate from the program, the family who raised the puppy is offered the first option to adopt the puppy they raised. For more information visit seeingeye.org/raise.

Established in 1929, The Seeing Eye provides specially bred and trained dogs to guide people who are blind. Seeing Eye dog handlers experience greatly enhanced mobility and independence, allowing them to retain their active lifestyles. The Seeing Eye is a 501(c)3 non-profit supported by contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations, bequests, and other planned gifts.

The Seeing Eye is a trademarked name and can only be used to describe the dogs bred and trained at the school’s facilities in Morristown, N.J. If you would like more information on The Seeing Eye, please visit the website at SeeingEye.org, call 973-539-4425, or email info@seeingeye.org.

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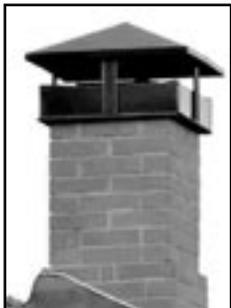




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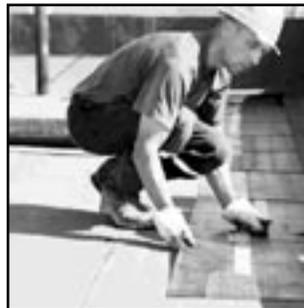
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BILINGUAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP FOSTER YOUTH

Child Focus

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, Child Focus, the nonprofit organization that runs Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Passaic and Union Counties, proudly recognizes the extraordinary efforts of Advocacy Supervisors Tiffany Mendoza and Wendy Monterrosa. Amid a significant shortage of bilingual volunteers, each has embraced the role of primary advocate on five cases with Spanish-speaking children, biological parents or resource parents, showcasing their commitment to making a difference in the lives of abused and neglected children.

Tiffany and Wendy have stepped up to bridge this gap, in addition to their work supervising a team of volunteer advocates. Their efforts in taking on these additional 10 cases total, navigating complex situations where language barriers could impede access to essential services and support for children and their families, underscore the urgent need for bilingual community members to join CASA of Passaic and Union Counties as volunteer advocates.

The need for bilingual Spanish-English CASA volunteers is more pressing than ever. Child Focus is actively seeking community members fluent in both English and Spanish to join CASA of Passaic and Union Counties. Volunteers will undergo comprehensive training to become effective advocates for children

removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. This training equips volunteers with the skills needed to navigate court proceedings, build trust with children, and collaborate with caseworkers and attorneys.

For those interested in making a difference, the first step is to attend an information session in Union County: Wed., Oct. 9th or 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the Colleen Fraser Building at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield; Wed., Oct. 16 at noon in the Elizabeth office at 1143 East Jersey Str., Floor 2.

ABOUT CHILD FOCUS:

Child Focus prioritizes the needs and well-being of infants, children, and teens impacted by or at risk of abuse or neglect by amplifying their voices and working toward lasting, permanent solutions that address their unique situations and provide the support needed to thrive. This critical work is accomplished through three distinct but complementary programs: CASA of Passaic and Union Counties, NJ Safe Babies Court Team, and the Open Door Store. For more information about Child Focus, log on to childfocusnj.org.

OVERLOOK AUXILIARY SEEKING MEMBERS

The Overlook Auxiliary will be having a new member coffee in Summit on Thursday, October 10 from 10-11:30 a.m. New, existing, and prospective members can attend to learn more about the nonprofit organization's mission to cultivate a compassionate and comforting

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Monday at the Movies

Mondays, Oct. 7 - 28, 12:30-2:30 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Every week, watch a different film in the Lower Level Program Room. All are welcome.

Marketing and Networking Breakfast for Small Businesses and Non-Profits

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 9:15-10:45 a.m.

Network with other participants while learning how to access "Reference Solutions", a free proprietary library database accessible from anywhere to all New Jersey library card holders. Continental breakfast will be served.

Virtual Author Talk: Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

The NYT bestselling author will discuss her latest novel, *The Seventh Veil of Salome*, set in 1950s Hollywood.

Summit Library Open House

Thursday, Oct. 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Discover the Library! Learn about the Library's resources, get your questions answered, take a tour, get a library card, and enjoy refreshments.

Virtual Trivia Night

Friday, Oct. 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Test your wits and knowledge. The questions are geared for people 18+ but all ages are welcome to try. Register to receive the Zoom invite. Quizmaster: Mary Piekarski. Online.

Concert: Stonehearth Bluegrass Band

Sunday, Oct. 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Traditional bluegrass tunes, plus some pop hits done in bluegrass style.

Great Decisions Discussion Series:

Climate Technology & Competition

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Will the United States, China, and other powerful nations, approach climate initiatives with an increased commitment to trade protectionism and nationalism? Or could international accord develop to confront the "common enemy" of climate change?

Film Screening and Q&A: American River

Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This documentary follows Mary Bruno and guide Carl Alderson on a 4-day, 80-mile kayak journey down the Passaic River, from its pristine source in a wildlife refuge to its toxic mouth in Newark Bay. The film will be followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Scott Morris.

Brown Bag Book Club

Friday, Oct. 18, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Lunchtime book group for adults. Book to be discussed: *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller.

Explore Your World: American Literary

Modernism with Prof. Bob Comeau

Friday, Oct. 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

A 6-week mini-course that will explore American Literary Modernism. Presented by Professor Bob Comeau of Union County College. In-person at the Liss Meeting Room for those who wish to participate in the discussion and via Zoom for those who wish to observe.

Adult Craft Class

Sunday, Oct. 20, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Details TBA. Registration required and opens 2 weeks before class. Instructor: Marge Barkan.

Virtual Author Talk: Lori Gottlieb

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Lori Gottlieb is a psychotherapist and New York Times bestselling author of *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, which is currently being adapted as a television series starring Kristen Bell. The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session. Online.

Workshop: The Sharkbite Method: The Digital Marketing Strategy for Your Business

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

In this workshop small business owners and entrepreneurs will discover a digital marketing strategy that builds brand value, shortens sales cycles, and drives leads to create revenue. Presenter: Joel Kraus, VP of a full-service digital marketing agency.

Local Author Talk with Andrea J. Stein

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Join us in conversation with Summit, NJ author Andrea J. Stein as she reads a portion of and discusses her new novel *Dear Eliza*. Eliza Levinger is mourning her father's unexpected death when she receives a letter from her mother who died 10 years ago. It contains secrets that threaten to upend her family relationships--and her life.

Genealogy Writing and AI

Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Writing about your genealogy research can be challenging. Learn how generative AI tools can help - whether you're writing a biography, research report, or proof argument. Tools like ChatGPT and Claude can turn research logs into reports and timelines into narrative. Presenter: Genealogist Nicole Dyer. Online.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Storytime Yoga

Wednesday, Oct. 16,

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

Career Panel with the Summit Old Guard

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Join retired professionals from the Summit Old Guard for an interactive panel.

Grades 9-12 and adults.

Rubik's Corner

Friday, Oct. 18, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

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

STEM Saturdays

Saturday, Oct. 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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

Chinese Corner: Halloween Headband

Sunday, Oct. 20, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Join us at our Chinese corner to make unique Halloween headbands using simple pipe cleaners. Grades K-5.

Sensory Storytime

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 10:00-10:45AM

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Family STEAM Club:

Let's Explore Chemical Reactions

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

In this session, learn how different chemical reactions cause explosions. Grades K-5.

Campfire Stories & S'mores

Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Listen to scary stories, tell one of your own, and make s'mores. Grades K-5.

Candyland: The Live Board Game

Friday, Oct 25, 5:15-7:30 p.m.

Travel to the magical land of candy by playing our live board game version of Candyland. Visit each station to collect small prizes, and the winner is chosen when you reach Candy Castle.

Books and Woofs

Monday, Oct. 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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

RECURRING YOUTH PROGRAMS:

Little Sprouts (Grades K-5)

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Teen Nights (Grades 6-12)

Tuesdays at 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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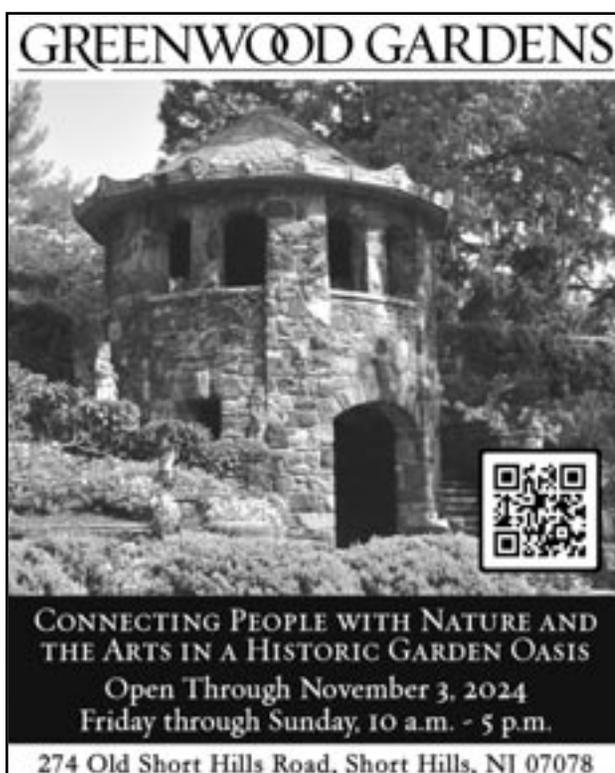
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CATSS After-School Programs (Grades 6-8)

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EMS AUGUST 2024 RESPONSES

Submitted by John Staunton

Summit's EMS responded to 172 emergency calls during the month of August.

Calls for the month included 94 medical emergencies; 17 falls; 18 motor vehicle accidents; 16 traumatic injuries; three allergic reactions; seven cases of overdose or poisoning; one burn injury; four responses to a medical alarm; one pedestrian struck by a vehicle; and one response to a fire scene. Squad Volunteers also provided a "lift assist" to a patient who did not require transport to a hospital as well as 2 non-emergency transports of Summit residents.

Nine 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 13 times to three neighboring towns. Ten 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 August, Squad volunteers transported 125 patients to four different hospitals.

On August 18, the Squad was dispatched to a head-on collision on Glenside Ave with 4 injuries. Five Summit members responded and

transported 2 patients to Overlook Medical Center. A crew for the Millburn-Short Hills Volunteer First Aid Squad and another from the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad each transported 1. Luckily one of the cars had slowed to almost a stop before the collision.

The Squad also hosted two CPR classes at their building and provided EMS coverage at the National Night Out event on the Village Green.

The Squad answers calls for help 24 hours a day and at a variety of locations. August responses included 57 to a patient's home or apartment; 30 for accidents or medical emergencies on streets or highways, including two on route 24 or 78; five in a public park; four at Summit's City Hall; three at Summit's Public Library, and seven at other public buildings; ten at a local business; four at a bar or restaurant, and five at a health care professional's office. There were also 14 medical incidents at Summit's train station; three at a bus stop; 11 at a local behavioral health facility; two on the grounds of Overlook Medical Center; six to an assisted living facility, three at an athletic facility, two at a house of worship; eight on a sidewalk; three in a parking lot; one at a school and on at a day care center.

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.



(above) Summit EMS volunteers participating in Summit's National Night Out on August 20.

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ADULT FACILITATOR TRAINING PLANNED FOR OCTOBER

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss

The staff at Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss, were so pleased to welcome 15 new youth facilitators who participated in their 2-day youth facilitator training program in August. These high school age volunteers will help create safe spaces for Imagine's young participants who are grieving the loss of someone close to them.

During their training, the new volunteers learned about Alan Wolfelt's companioning model followed in Imagine's groups, where facilitators walk beside participants on their grief journey. The new youth facilitators also learned about how children may use play to help them process their experiences and understand their feelings.

Imagine's Mountainside Clinical Program Supervisor, Abigail Preece, LPC shared this about

the new group of youth facilitators: "Youth facilitators are such an asset and benefit our children and our overall program. Their energy, connection with the kids and dedication is invaluable. This new group of facilitators is enthusiastic and skilled, and we are excited to welcome them to the Imagine community!"

The demand for Imagine's programs has been consistently increasing, leading to the addition of new groups and Nights of Support for their upcoming program year. In order to meet the growing need for peer support groups for children, youth, young adults and their parents and caregivers, Imagine is looking for additional adult facilitators as well. A 3-day training for adult facilitators is planned for October 12-14 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day.

Imagine's volunteer facilitators come from all

walks of life and no special background is required other than a willingness to listen, a heart inclined to serve, and the ability to be with children and adults in grief without trying to fix, solve or give advice. No prior experience is necessary.

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older and must attend all 3 days of the facilitator training. Spanish speaking volunteers are needed as well. Though Imagine asks facilitators to commit to one year facilitating their peer support groups, many stay on for many years. Here's what some of Imagine's facilitators have shared about their experience:

"I love Imagine- I love the people; I love the model, and I love being a part of this incredible place."

-Kathy-11+ years facilitating at Imagine

"I feel like I get more back than I give, from the participants, my fellow facilitators, and the staff."

-Debbie-9+ years facilitating at Imagine

"As I offer space for healing to others, I too am healed."

-Thomas-6 years facilitating at Imagine

If you'd like to participate in Imagine's upcoming training and join this incredible team of volunteers, please visit Imagine's website at imagineenj.org and complete their interest form for the upcoming training. If you have questions regarding volunteering with Imagine, please reach out to val@imagineenj.org. The staff at Imagine hope to welcome you to their wonderful team of volunteers!

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss is a 501c3 that offers grief and loss education and training to the community and free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and guardians of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. For more information, please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imagineenj.org.



(above) Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss welcomed 15 new youth facilitators.

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