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CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY ANNUAL BABY SHOWER LUNCHEON

The Christ Child Society of Summit (CCSS) hosted its annual Baby Shower Mass and Luncheon. Ninety-five people, including members, nonmembers, and community partners, gathered to thank and celebrate our volunteers' hard work while raising funds for our Layettes program. Marge Yobbi, a CCSS member, was awarded the Mary Virginia Merrick Award for outstanding service.

The Christ Child Society of Summit, a group of dedicated volunteers from all faiths and backgrounds that are joined to help under-resourced children and their families, is celebrating its 15th anniversary as a local chapter of the National Christ Child Society.

To learn more or to join, please visit christchildsummit.org



(above, l-r) Mary Rollino (CCSS VP, Events), Natalie Petrides (Baby Shower Chair), Delma Putress (CCSS Spirituality Chair), Marilee Klashka (Baby Shower Chair), and Lois Melka (CCSS President).

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GARDENS ON THE HILL FLOWER SHOW - MAY 21

The Summit Garden Club will host The Garden Club of America's (GCA) 2025 Zone IV Flower Show, Gardens on the Hill, on May 21, 2025, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Reeves-Reed Arboretum (RRA) in Summit, NJ. The Flower Show is open to the public and free of charge.

The Summit Garden Club (SGC) warmly invites the public to experience a day filled with beauty, creativity, and education. "There will be something for everyone to enjoy and learn more about, whether one's interest is in floral design, horticulture, or photography" says President, Jennifer R. Cornforth.

The educational focus of the Flower Show showcases the benefits that public gardens bring to our communities. Educational entries created by garden club members from across 11 GCA clubs in New Jersey will highlight the GCA Freeman Medal Winner Plants, many of which are planted on the grounds of Reeves-Reed Arboretum and can be incorporated into home gardens; the Herb Garden that SGC tends at RRA, specifying the culinary and medicinal purposes of each herb; and the beautiful Beech trees that grace the woodlands.

The purpose of a flower show is to set standards of artistic and horticultural excellence; to broaden knowledge of horticulture, floral design, conservation, photography, and other related areas; and to share the beauty of a show with fellow club members and with the public.

The Summit Garden Club was founded in 1916 by six residents with its first President being

Margaret K. Bassett. In 1920, the club became a member of The Garden Club of America. Members have always been involved in community garden-related projects in town and in support of Reeves-Reed Arboretum. A new project is revitalizing the Summit Post Office Garden. SGC's purpose is to stimulate knowledge and the love of gardening among its members and in the community and to promote an active interest in all branches of horticulture and in the conservation of native plants and birds. More information is available at summitgardenclub.org

The Garden Club of America is a nonprofit, national organization composed of 200 member garden clubs with over 18,000 club members who devote energy and expertise to projects in their communities and across the United States. More information is available at gcamerica.org.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum has been a cornerstone of Summit's environmental landscape since 1974 and recently celebrated its 50th year as a public arboretum. Listed on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places, it is open to the public seven days a week and serves as a sanctuary for both visitors and wildlife. Reeves-Reed Arboretum seeks to engage, educate, and enrich its visitors so that they may become better stewards of nature and the environment. This mission is achieved through the care and utilization of a historic estate and gardens. More information is available at reeves-reedarboretum.org.





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CAPTAIN RYAN PETERS CONFIRMED AS NEW SUMMIT POLICE CHIEF

City of Summit

At its meeting on March 18, 2025, Summit Common Council unanimously approved Mayor Elizabeth Fagan’s appointment of Captain Ryan Peters as the next Chief of Police in Summit, NJ. Captain Peters replaces Chief Steven Zagorski who will retire after 36 years of distinguished and dedicated service to the City of Summit.



(above) Captain Ryan Peters was unanimously approved to be the next Chief of Police in Summit, NJ.

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“I am incredibly proud to appoint Captain Peters as Summit’s next Chief of Police,” says Mayor Elizabeth Fagan, MD. “His impressive résumé, matched by his strong work ethic, thoughtful decision-making, and the deep respect he has earned from his peers make me confident that he will be a fantastic leader.”

Captain Peters joined the Summit Police Department in 2007 and was assigned to the Patrol Bureau. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2017 and to the rank of Captain in 2021. During his tenure with the department, Captain Peters has served in several critical roles, including Commander of the Support Services Division, Union County SWAT Team Leader, member of the Union County Emergency Response Team (UCERT), and many more. Captain Peters has extensive specialized training in crisis response and tactical operations and has served as the department’s Active Shooter

Response Instructor and Firearms Instructor. Over the course of his 17+ year career with the Summit Police Department, he has received numerous letters of commendation, appreciation and awards from both citizens and other law enforcement agencies.

“I stand before you tonight deeply honored and humbled to accept the role of Chief of Police,” stated Captain Peters at the meeting. “This is not a responsibility I take lightly, and I am grateful for the trust placed in me to lead this department and serve our great community.”

Peters continued: “To the residents of Summit, I pledge to you to lead with transparency and accountability. Your safety and well-being will always be my top priority, and I will work tirelessly to foster a department that is deeply connected to the community.”

For more information on the Summit Police Department, visit cityofsummit.org/police.

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IN MAY, WE WILL HAVE FOUR SPEAKERS:
MAY 6TH - VIN FEMIA

On May 6th, our speaker will be Vin Femia. He will be reliving the championship history and relating some weird and amusing stories about the New York Giant, the Jets, and the New England Patriots. Vin has authored three books about pro football and baseball. His entertaining presentation will discuss the sometimes successful and sometimes turbulent history of these teams.

MAY 13TH - JESSICA BRODKIN

On May 13th, our speaker will be Jessica Brodtkin. Jessica is a graduate of MIT, a former CIA analyst, a reiki energy healer, an actress with many credits, and a stand-up comedian. She will speak to us about several methods of healing ranging from early East Asian techniques to modern alternative methods. Her focus is on longevity training that is particularly helpful to seniors, including acupuncture and reiki, a Japanese healing technique that promotes relaxation and stress reduction.

MAY 20TH - RON WEIGNER

On May 20th, Ron Weigner, an Old Guard member, will review the recent Mid-Atlantic Air Museum’s World War II gathering of warbirds and much more. This has become a premier event commemorating events of WWII and the people and machines that led to the Allied victory. For

three decades the museum honored our history through D-Day remembrance, vehicle and aircraft displays, re-enactments, speakers, and even big band era music. Ron will give us a first-hand look at the weekend activities illustrated with pictures and a video.

ON THE 27TH - KATHLEEN WALDRON

Finally, on the 27th, we will get an insider’s perspective on how prescription drugs come to market. Kathleen Waldron, vice president of regulatory affairs for AbbVie, will be our speaker. AbbVie was spun out of Abbott Labs in 2013 and is a researched based pharmaceutical company concentrating on discovering and developing advanced therapies for complex diseases. Kathleen will discuss the drug development process from R&D, through clinical trials, FDA approval and eventual product launch and how today’s changing technology impacts the process.

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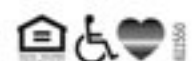
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“SUMMIT THROUGH YOUR EYES” PHOTO CONTEST

City of Summit

As part of the City of Summit’s celebration of New Jersey Local Government Week 2025, Summit residents are invited to enter the “Summit Through Your Eyes” Spring Photo Contest and submit images of our city that showcase its beauty, uniqueness, and community spirit.

The contest is open to residents of all ages. Submissions are now being accepted through Friday, May 16, 2025. Interested parties can submit up to three photos, taken within the contest timeframe. Submissions should be sent to pressoffice@cityofsummit.org. Three winners will be chosen and announced on Friday, May 23, 2025.

After the contest ends, all eligible entries will be added to a photo album on the City of Summit Facebook page and the new "Summit Through Your Eyes" landing page on the municipal website.

Photo Contest Guidelines:

The contest is open to all Summit residents. An individual may submit no more than three entries between April 7 and May 16, 2025. All entries must be photographs taken within the City of Summit within the contest timeframe.

Photos can be submitted by email to pressoffice@cityofsummit.org with “Photo Contest Entry” in the subject line. Photos must be high resolution (no thumbnails) and either JPG or PNG format. Submissions must include your name and where each photo was taken within the City of Summit.

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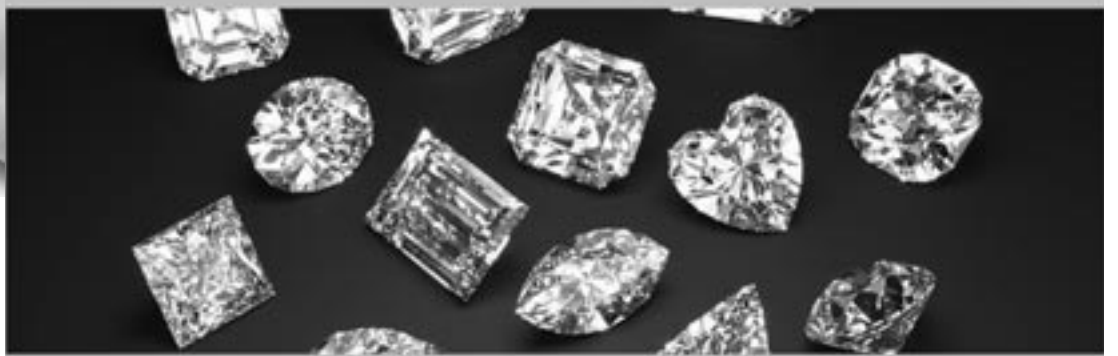
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Included in the archive is a collection of digitized local newspapers, allowing users to explore issues dating from 1883 through 2020. Users can read local stories from The Summit Herald (covering every Saturday from May 16, 1896 through December 20, 1986), The Summit Record (1883–1923), the Independent Press (1992–2008), and more. The collection also includes full uploads of Summit High School yearbooks from 1921 through 2018.

Digitized New Jersey newspapers such as the Star Ledger, Asbury Park Press, Daily Record, Home News Tribune, and The Courier-News are also available, as well as full-text access to Jersey Jazz Magazine, Consumer Reports, and hundreds of digital magazines through Libby.

Users can also view the Summit Survey of Historic Resources, which identifies buildings, structures, and districts that are significant to local and national history, including photographs of approximately 3,000 locations. Additionally, the archive features the digital version of the Summit Hometown Heroes collection, which recognizes and honors local veterans through banners displayed along the city's streets. Many other archived historical materials are also available.

This annually-updated digital archive allows residents, students, historians, and genealogists to easily search and explore Summit's past from anywhere with internet access. The Summit Free Public Library invites the public to explore the digital archive at: summitlibrary.org/digital-archives/.



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Why is the United States a Two-party System?

Thursday, May 1, 7:00-8:00 PM
 Speaker: Professor Ian Drake of Montclair University. In-Person/Online.

Virtual Trivia Night

Friday, May 2 6:30-8:00 PM
 The questions in this game are geared for people 18 and older but all ages are welcome to try. Quizmaster: Mary Piekarski. Online.

Concert: The Cover Girls

Sunday, May 4, 2:00-3:00 PM
 The Cover Girls are a singing duo featuring timeless classics from the American song book, along with songs from the 60's and 70's.

Registration not required.

Adult Craft Program: TBA

Sunday, May 4, 2:00-3:30 PM

Instructor: Marge Barkan.

Grow Your Business in 2025

Tuesday, May 6, 6:30-8:30 PM

Bill Carlson shares how you can navigate Reference Solutions, a premier database for finding business data. Research your customers and competitors, find and analyze locations, and more, all with your SFPL library card.

How to Use Today's AI Tools to Simplify Life

Thursday, May 8, 7:00-8:30 PM
 A showcase on how AI tools can simplify your daily tasks, enhance productivity and efficiency to both personal and professional endeavors.
 Speaker: Eddi Khaytman, MBA. Online.

Great Decisions Discussion--Navigating U.S.-China Relations in Tense Times

Wednesday, May 14, 1:00-4:00 PM
 Special Speaker: Professor. Thomas J. Christensen, Director of the China and the World Program at Columbia University.

GRACE Pop-Up Distribution

Monday, May 19, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
 Free food distributions from GRACE (Giving & Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials). Registration not required.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Mother's Day Craft Party

Thursday, May 8, 4:00–5:00PM
 Make a special craft or gift card just in time for Mother's Day. Grades K-5.

Dad Storytime: Superheroes

Saturday, May 10, 11:00-11:45 AM
 A superhero-themed storytime and craft session geared towards dads and their children (Ages 2-6).

Adulting Essentials (Sew It Workshop)

Monday, May 12, 7:00-8:00 PM
 Learn how to sew and create your own hand-sewn gnome. Grades 9-12.

The Origin of Chinese Characters

Sunday, May 18, 2:30-3:30 PM
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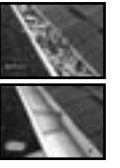
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SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT MAY 4

The Summit Symphony Orchestra, celebrating 86 years of free concerts in Summit, completes it's 2024-25 season with a concert on Sunday, May 4 at 2:00 p.m., at the Summit High School, 125 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit. Admission to all Summit Symphony concerts is free.

Music Director Michael Avagliano will lead the orchestra in a powerful performance of Shostakovich's Symphony No. 5 and "Romance for Saxophone" by William Grant Still featuring renowned soloist Paul Cohen.

Paul Cohen has performed to great acclaim throughout much of the United States with orchestras including the New Jersey Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, New York Philharmonic, American Symphony Orchestra and many more. He is currently on the faculties of Manhattan School of Music, Rutgers University, Columbia University, New York University, and Queens College.

The Summit Symphony has been providing free orchestral concerts for the Summit area since 1938. For more information about this concert and about the Summit Symphony Orchestra, please visit our website summitsymphony.org



(above) Paul Cohen

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DERBY FUNDRAISER – MAY 3RD

The Summit Lions Club will be holding their annual Derby Fundraiser on Saturday, May 3rd, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Mt. Carmel Event Hall located in Berkeley Heights.

It is the Club's main event held every year on the day of the Kentucky Derby. The gathering will offer a buffet dinner, wine, desert, live streaming, auction items, DJ, photo booth, and dancing. Our annual 50/50 cash raffle drawing will also take place resulting in a cash prize to 3 winners. Entry tickets are \$45 can be purchased at the door or online at summitlionsclub.org.

The Summit Lions club currently has 32 members and holds meetings once a month. "It's great to be a Lion!" Come join us, one and all, for the fun, auction, raffles, food and best hats at the

great Derby Event! To learn more about the Summit Lions visit summitlionsclub.org or call 908-565-1694.

The Summit Lions Club is celebrating their 99th year serving the Summit area community with eye exams and eyeglasses for school children, eyeglass collections for global needs, youth projects, diabetes education, and hunger and environmental projects. All funds raised go directly to a variety of service projects throughout our community. In 1925, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "Knights of the Blind" in the Crusade against Blindness. Lions Clubs International is made up of 1.4 million members in 49,000 clubs worldwide serving those in need.

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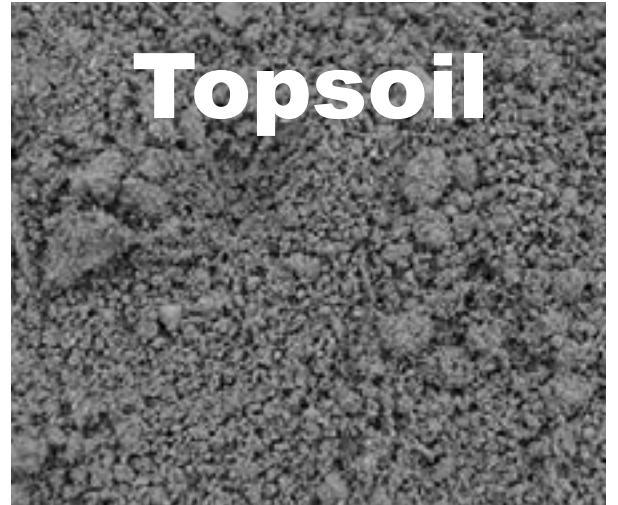
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ASTRONOMY DAY MAY 17, 2025

Amateur Astronomers, Inc. along with the North Jersey Astronomical Group, two amateur astronomy clubs located in New Jersey, are once again holding their annual Astronomy Day on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The event will be held in 2 locations: Trailside Nature & Science Center in Mountainside in the afternoon and at William Miller Sperry Observatory on the campus of Union College in Cranford in the evening. The theme is "Solar Max, Unlocking the Secrets of the Sun." This is a family friendly event that focuses on learning about our Sun and its impact on us, and also about astronomy and related sciences in a fun and easy to understand atmosphere. This event appeals to both children and adults. The event is free and open to the public and does not require preregistration. So, mark your calendars for Saturday, May 17, 2025, and come out to learn more about the Sun and our universe!

75 YEARS NIGHT SKY GAZING

Amateur Astronomers, Inc (AAI) of Cranford, NJ celebrated their 75th Anniversary on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at The Westwood Caterers of Garwood, NJ. In attendance were 53 past and current members who range from teenagers to seniors.

AAI has always interested anyone who loves looking and learning about the night sky. Housed in the William Miller Sperry Observatory on the Union College campus in Cranford, the observatory is open to the public every Friday night with their twin domes looking at the heavens. One of the domes houses a 24-inch reflector and the other dome houses a 10 refractor, which was constructed by club members. Public lectures start at 8:30 p.m. on Fridays, they are on current topics in Astronomy.

Youth lectures are presented by the club at 7:00 p.m. to preregistered scout groups to help them earn their patches in science. If you are interested in preregistering a scout group, please contact info@asterism.org.

The club also celebrates celestial events such as eclipses by opening the Observatory and having numerous telescopes outside the building. For more information about AAI email, membership@asterism.org or visit asterism.org.



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MEMORIAL DAY: A TIME FOR REFLECTION AND ACTION

Michael Boll, New Jersey Veterans Network

Every Memorial Day, millions of Americans attend parades, fire up their grills, and host large backyard BBQs for friends and family. As a veteran, I look forward to marching in a parade and attending a BBQ. However, before the festivities begin, I make it a point to check in on fellow veterans and ensure they are in a good place. For some veterans, Memorial Day is a difficult day, and they could use some reassurance from a friend or comrade.

For too long, our military members and veterans have been facing a heartbreaking crisis. A new study suggests that 44 veterans and servicemembers take their lives every day. This has become a nationwide epidemic, and countless families are struggling with this issue alone. Fortunately, there are many organizations working tirelessly to help our uniformed heroes get through these difficult times.

In 2017, the New Jersey Veterans Network (501(c)3) was created with a focus on the well-being of military members, veterans, and their families. The NJVN is a volunteer-driven mobile outreach team that actively seeks out veterans in need, providing them with free, life-saving resources and services. As a grassroots organization, we have a unique perspective on the needs of our uniformed heroes.

Our approach, combined with the ability to

collaborate with other organizations that share our mission, has allowed us to save lives and help veterans live a better quality of life. Recently, the NJVN has ramped up our mentorship and peer support programs. However, our recreational therapy events and functions have produced the most impactful results.

The NJVN has had great success hosting social events such as: movie nights, group hiking, paintball, professional sporting games, fishing trips, hunting, and other outdoor activities. Additionally, every year, the NJVN sends veterans to Camp Patriot (a PTSD retreat) for a week of healing.

Each week, the NJVN provides veterans with food, clothing, housing assistance, VA benefits information, and mental health support. By partnering with numerous other groups and organizations, we can offer our uniformed heroes a better way of life.

We are always looking for volunteers that can both assist with upcoming events and help mentor veterans so they can live better productive lives. Volunteers are the most important NJVN resource, and we would love to have more people help us save lives. If you need assistance, or are interested in joining our team of volunteers, please send us your name, email, and phone number to NJVN1775@gmail.com or call 973-332-1556. For more information visit NJVN.org.



(above) Memorial Day parade march



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CDC THEATRE PRESENTS LEGALLY BLONDE, THE MUSICAL

Harvard's beloved blonde takes the stage at CDC Theatre in Cranford by pink storm in this fun, upbeat story of self-discovery!

A fabulously fun, award-winning musical based on the adored movie, Legally Blonde, the musical, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. With music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe & Nell Benjamin and book by Heather Hach, the show is based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture.

Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances - this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal! Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there, she struggles with peers, professors and her ex. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove herself to the world.

Edgar Hidalgo directs the cast which includes Melissa Calicchio as Elle, Zach Mazouat as Emmet, Rachel Love as Paulette, Larry Brustofski as Callahan and Gabe Weiss as Warner. They are joined by a talented cast of supporting actors and a fabulous ensemble! With Musical Director Kaeden Oh, Choreographer Jaimie Bass, Stage Manager Dana Dispoto and Producer Elizabeth Howard on the production team, the show promises to be the crescendo of the 106th season at CDC Theatre.

Performances on May 2-18, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. For the best selection and prices, tickets can be ordered by visiting cdctheatre.org. This production is made possible by funds from the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs, a partner of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

JUNIOR LEAGUE 100K DIAPER PROJECT

The Junior League of Summit (JLS) is proud to announce that it is again embarking on an ambitious project to collect 100,000 diapers by the end of May. One hundred percent of all diapers collected through the 100K Diaper Project will be donated to Moms Helping Moms, a NJ-based organization dedicated to addressing the critical issue of diaper need in New Jersey communities.

Last year - in its inaugural year - members of the Junior League of Summit worked tirelessly to collect, count and deliver over 100,000 diapers to Moms Helping Moms.

This year the JLS will again be partnering with various community organizations to host a series of diaper drives in our communities. To date, The Library of the Chathams (Chatham), Southern Boulevard School (Chatham), Delbarton (Morristown), Stanley Pre-School (Chatham), Chatham Methodist Preschool (Chatham) and Primrose (Florham Park) have committed to hosting drives.

Individuals who wish to contribute to the 100K DIAPER PROJECT can do so by dropping diapers at The Junior League Shop at 37 DeForest Avenue, Summit, NJ, or by donating

diapers through the League's Virtual Drive link which can be found on the Junior League of Summit's Instagram (@jlsummit). The last day to donate to the drive will be May 31, 2025.

The facts: Diaper need affects a staggering 1 in 2 families across the United States and New Jersey is no exception. Last year, Moms Helping Moms distributed over 1.3 million diapers to families in need, which according to the organization is just scratching the surface of the current diaper need in New Jersey.

The shortage of diapers not only impacts the health and well-being of children but can also result in missed work or school due to parents' inability to provide the required diapers to their daycares. Diapers are not recognized as a basic need by government programs and cannot be purchased with food stamps, further exacerbating the challenge for families in need.

ABOUT THE JLS

The Junior League of Summit's mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training, focusing on promoting voluntarism, developing women's potential, and improving communities.

The Junior League of Summit is proud of our 95 years of service in Berkeley Heights, Chatham, New Providence, Summit and surrounding communities.

Overall, we are thrilled to say we've returned over \$3 million in grants, scholarships, projects and programs to our local communities. It has been and continues to be a pleasure to provide much needed services. We work hard, learn, tackle challenges, enjoy ourselves and make a difference.

Find out more at summit.jl.org

ABOUT MOMS HELPING MOMS:

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The Sons of the American Revolution is the largest male lineage organization in the United States and consists of 50 state-level societies with more than 590 local chapters, several international societies including Canada, France, Germany, Spain, and an International Society, and over 37,000 members.

For more information on joining the NJSSAR email chrissands44@aol.com.

(right) West Fields member James Sanford is Presented with the SAR 250th Bronze Medal.

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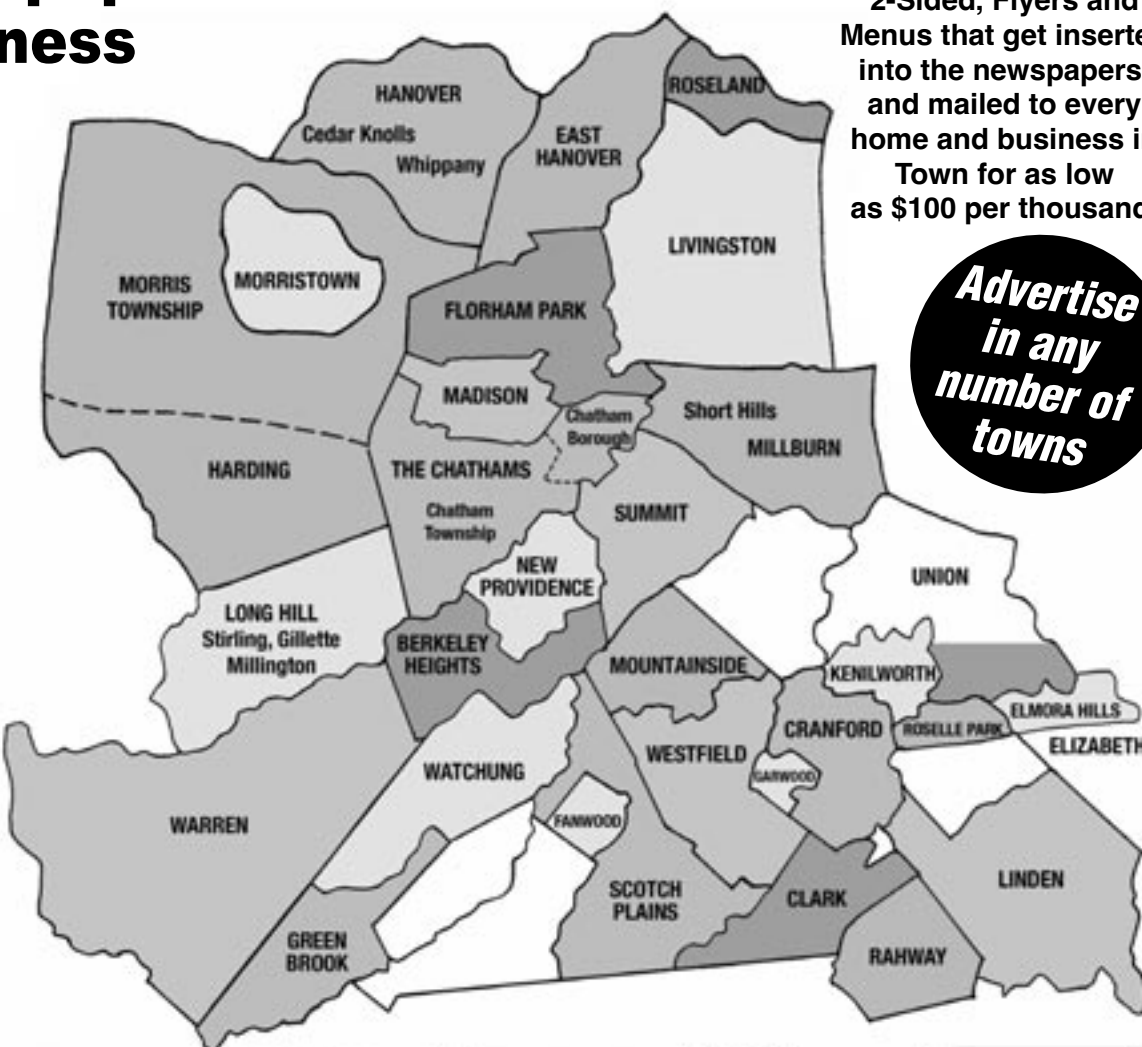
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