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GRACE GIVING - A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

Submitted by Melanie Wilson, Grace

The Summit "Community" Center lived up to its name, with the entire building transformed into a true community gathering. The gym held a buffet line filled with traditional holiday fare, turkey and gravy, stuffing and potatoes, it was all there. BMS/Sodexo made the turkey, gravy, and stuffing, The Overlook Hospital kitchens, Pizza Vita, and Brandywine contributed all the sides: cranberry sauce, green beans, potatoes, pasta, and corn bread. The centerpieces were beautiful fruit baskets, donated by Atlantic Health. The placemats, created by Summit elementary school students, set the stage with warm colors, festive scenes, sweet jokes, and detailed fall themes.

Performance artists brought their craft to entertain, from lively musicians offering sing-along renditions of classic favorites to authentic dancers from Peru performing, all emceed by the Valerio family.

In the next room, volunteers played with kids in the open gym, while down the hall, kids colored Thanksgiving pictures, but karaoke was the name of the game.

Summit's Department of Community Programs and Oakes have been partners with GRACE since 2021, when the decision was made to host a Thanksgiving event inclusive of the entire Summit community.

More than 50 volunteers did everything from greeting guests, setting up chafing dishes, serving, and washing dishes. Volunteers even showed up early to warm the food at the Oakes Center kitchen, shuttling it over to the Community Center which required a coordinated effort of volunteer teams.

Vanilla? Chocolate? Sprinkles? Guests could grab an ice cream from the Danny's Soft Serve ice cream truck parked out front. For those who preferred to stay warm in their seats and watch the entertainment, volunteers took orders and delivered ice cream cones to them. GRACE ensures events are accessible to people of all abilities, so meal deliveries and the City's senior bus provided door-to-door transportation from senior housing.

And it was the meal that kept on giving. On the way out, guests were invited to take boxed-up leftovers home and even grab a pie or fruit basket.

As with any good Thanksgiving dinner, more was made than could be consumed. In this case, leftovers were packaged up and delivered to three different area veterans groups.

GRACE engages with community leaders and partner organizations to better understand and respond to local needs. From planning to execution, special thanks go out to the Summit Department of Community Programs and Oakes for continuing this tradition in partnership with GRACE.



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ABOUT GRACE

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no cost to participate. You will need a desire for frank discussion, a willingness to participate and a commitment to attend. You will also need a computer or smartphone capable of Zoom sessions.

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(above) Dr. Joseph Murphy has been a member of Kiwanis Club for over 35 years.

COMMUNITY INVITED TO SUBURBAN CHIROPRACTIC OPEN HOUSE - JAN 8

The Suburban Chiropractic Center, located at 301 Main Street in Chatham, New Jersey will be celebrating 41 years in practice with an Open House on January 8, 2026. The public is invited to stop by and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Community service is an integral part of the practice and Dr. Murphy would like to thank his patients, as well as the local community for another successful year.

Dr. Joseph J. Murphy began the center in 1985 to offer the community a natural alternative to the traditional allopathic medical facilities in the Chatham area. They owe their success to the loyal patients who have continued with them, referred their friends and family, and their efforts to provide the highest level of service possible.

Dr. Murphy has a record of supporting the local first responders, police, fire, and emergency squad. He also focused on supporting student programs including being an advisor to the Kiwanis Club's Chatham High School Key Club.

Dr. Murphy has been a member of the Chatham/Madison Kiwanis Club for over 40 years, offering his services to all their events including being a guest speaker. He especially enjoys the Summer Hot Dog & Ice Cream social for the Chatham Library children. He can be found volunteering at Chatham schools during their Teacher's Wellness Day events and is a supporter of the Chatham Education Foundation and Sports Foundation. For 25 years Dr. Murphy has served on the Board of Trustees of ECLC in Chatham, a school for special needs students, including a stint as Board President. He was a consistent participant in over 23 Fishawack events and is a sponsor of Bottle Hill Day in Madison. He is a member of the Madison Elks BPOE 1465 and Chatham Chamber of Commerce, where he has served as President.

You can find out much more about the Suburban Chiropractic Center by visiting their website at drmurphy.com.

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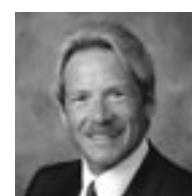
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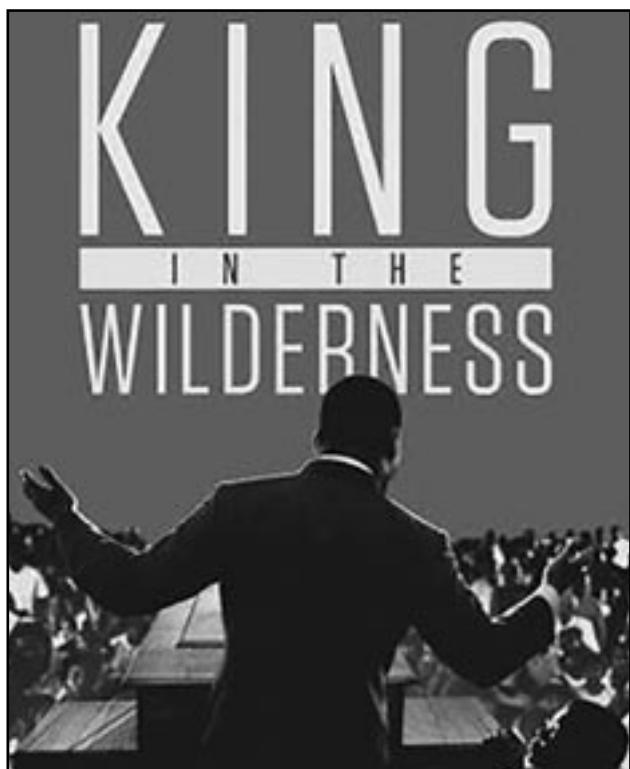
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(above) MLK Community Celebration: "King in the Wilderness" Film Screening and Discussion

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FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION - JAN. 18

Summit College Club

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy, the Summit College Club will co-host a screening and discussion of the documentary "King in the Wilderness." This event will take place on Sunday, January 18, 2026, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the New Providence Memorial Library.

The documentary focuses on the last two years of Dr. King's life, highlighting key events such as his work with the Chicago Freedom Movement, anti-Vietnam War protests, the "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech, and ending with his assassination and funeral. The moving film features interviews with several of Dr. King's friends and colleagues, who share their recollections of his actions and beliefs.

Following the film's screening, Ms. Maureen Grant of the Summit College Club will moderate a question-and-answer discussion with the audience.

The screening and discussion of "King in the Wilderness" will take place in the Conti Room at the New Providence Memorial Library. The library is located at 377 Elkwood Avenue, New Providence, NJ. In the event of inclement weather, the screening will take place on Saturday, January 24, 2026.

Summit College Club is a branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), which advances gender equity through research, education, and advocacy. To learn more about the Summit College Club, visit summitcollegeclub.org.



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PHOENIX RYDZEWSKI EARNS BOY SCOUT EAGLE RANK

Submitted by Deetri Kona

Summit Boy Scouts Troop 67 is celebrating a significant achievement as Phoenix Rydzewski has earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor in Scouting. A dedicated member of BSA Troop 67, Phoenix reached this milestone through years of service, leadership, and commitment—culminating in a community project that will benefit local families for years to come.

For his Eagle Scout service project, Phoenix partnered with Amanda Block and Apollo Hrehorovich of GRACE, a local nonprofit focused on combating food insecurity. Together, they led an initiative to refloor the Cornog Field House, transforming the facility to better support GRACE's food-distribution operations. The renovation enhances storage capacity and directly supports GRACE's mission to provide nutritious meals and resources to more than 700 food-insecure families in the community.

The project required extensive planning, fundraising, and collaboration. Phoenix organized volunteer teams, coordinated supplies, and oversaw construction to ensure the work was completed safely and efficiently. His leadership not only produced a more functional storage space but also strengthened community partnerships and raised awareness about local hunger-relief efforts.

"Phoenix's project is a perfect example of how young people can make a tangible difference," said Scoutmaster Robert Rydzewski of Troop 67.

"His initiative and hard work will have a lasting impact on GRACE's ability to serve families in need."

Earning the Eagle Scout rank is a rare and notable accomplishment, achieved by only a small percentage of Scouts nationwide. Phoenix's commitment to service and community

improvement reflects the core values of Scouting and sets a strong example for others.

The community extends its congratulations to Eagle Scout Phoenix Rydzewski for this outstanding achievement and for his meaningful contributions to strengthening local support for families in need.



(above, l-r) Troop 67 Committee Chair Jonathan Betz, Eagle Scout Phoenix Rydzewski, Patriots' Path Council Eagle Advisor Ed Klug

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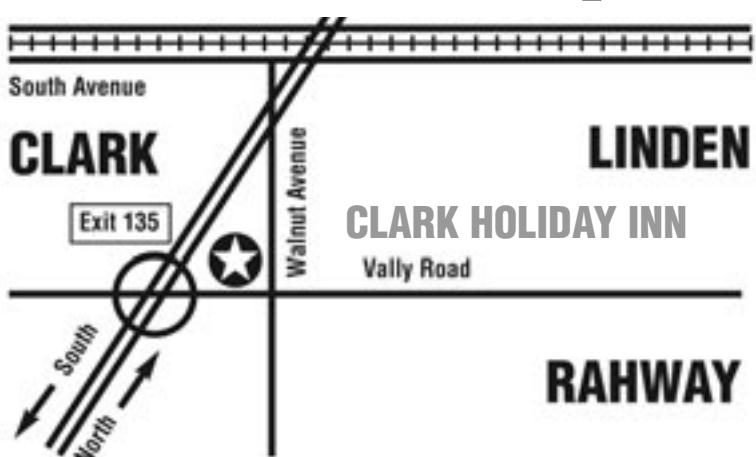
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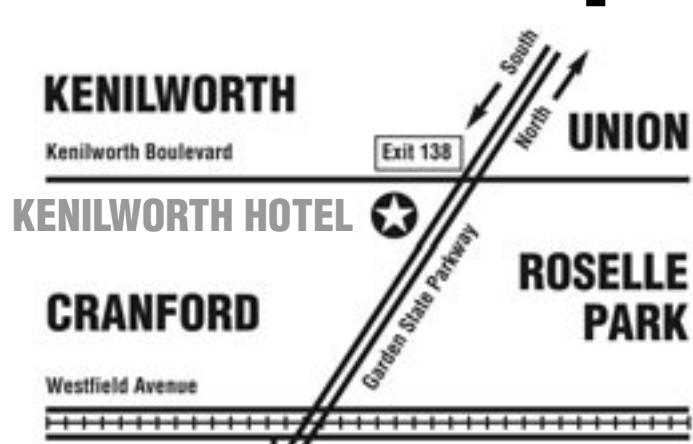
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Christ Church, Summit, NJ

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"The Gathering Place" is a monthly Memory Cafe hosted by volunteers at Christ Church in Summit. They meet the first Wednesday of every month, from 12 - 2 p.m.

Guests socialize over a light, nutritious lunch and share friendship, information, and often a few laughs. It is non-sectarian and all are welcome. From guests: "It was enjoyable, uplifting, and worthwhile," and "I wish my mother had something like this to participate in while she was able."

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Alzheimer's NJ Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, Jan. 8, 10:30 a.m.

This group provides families and caregivers with the emotional support and education they need to better understand Alzheimer's Disease

and other forms of dementia. A trained facilitator guides the group. Visit alznj.org to register and learn about their additional programs, or call the Center.

Plastics & Health

Monday, Jan. 12, 11:00 a.m.

Learn about plastics, why recycling is not an option, and steps to reduce exposure to its harmful impacts.

Problems Falling & Staying Asleep

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1:00 a.m.

Learn how sleep problems, sleep schedules, and bedtime habits can affect your daily life.

Classical Piano Performance

Monday, Jan. 19, 1:00 p.m.

Luc Reyes, a 17-year-old, who has received multiple awards at prestigious piano competitions will perform classical pieces.

Photography Group: Smartphone Cameras

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 11:00 a.m.

This meeting focuses on taking pictures with cell phones.

Benefits of Walking in Winter

Monday, Jan. 26, 1:00 p.m.

Learn the benefits of outdoor walking adventures.

Salute to Sondheim, His Songs & Shows

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 12:00 p.m.

Hear about the unforgettable work of Stephen Sondheim - from his iconic Broadway hits to his boundary-pushing storytelling techniques.

Aging with Intention: Rewriting Your Narrative

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 12:00 p.m.

This presentation discusses Positive Psychology principles that promote vitality, engagement, meaning, and accomplishment - and ways to enhance overall health and happiness while aging.

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(above) Our thanks to the Town and Country Garden Club of Chatham for returning to teach the always-popular holiday centerpiece project.

BRINGING COMMUNITY TOGETHER IN SUPPORT OF GRIEVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss

More than 300 supporters, partners, and friends of Imagine gathered on Friday, November 21, 2025, for the 13th Annual Seasons of Hope Breakfast — a morning centered on renewing and strengthening Imagine's mission, helping us grow our ability to provide free, year-round grief support to children and families.

Throughout the event, guests listened to powerful, heartfelt stories from Imagine families who bravely shared their experiences of loss and how Imagine has supported them.

"The stories we heard were a meaningful reminder that grief is something we carry together," said Lindsay Schambach, Imagine's Executive Director. "Our work continues because so many people believe in the importance of providing a safe space for kids and families to grieve."

This year's Breakfast was also a profound display of generosity. Thanks to the support of dedicated sponsors, every dollar raised at the event will go directly toward Imagine's programs, ensuring that no grieving child or family is ever turned away.

Imagine extends its deepest gratitude to this year's sponsors:

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This year's Breakfast also marked an exciting milestone for Imagine's future. Twenty-four new guests signed a five-year pledge to join Imagine's Circle of Hope — a dedicated community of supporters committed to sustaining the organization's mission over the long term. These new members join more than 100 others already in the Circle of Hope, collectively ensuring that Imagine can continue expanding its free, year-round grief support programs for children and families well into the future.

To everyone who attended, volunteered, spoke, donated, or helped bring the morning to life: thank you. Your presence strengthens Imagine's mission and sends a powerful message to grieving families — you are not alone.

As Imagine looks ahead to another year of service, the organization remains inspired by the families who share their stories and the community members who stand beside them.

Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss is a 501c3 that offers training and education on loss and grief 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 caregivers of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. For more information, please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imaginenz.org or visit our website at imaginenz.org.



(above) Participants in Imagine's support group program pass a talking stick at their annual Seasons of Hope fundraiser.

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JANUARY SPEAKERS PROGRAM FOR THE SUMMIT AREA OLD GUARD

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In January, we will have four speakers:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH: RICHARD LANDER

Shares a deep, personal connection to the Civil War as the great-grandson of John R. Lander, a Union soldier. John emigrated from Germany and enlisted with an Illinois regiment at the remarkably early age of fourteen, serving for the entire duration of the war. This military service instilled a generational interest: members of the Lander family have continuously studied the Civil War and maintained membership in the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW). In his presentation, Richard will detail the complex tapestry of events that led to the conflict, covering the cultural, political, economic, and military factors at play. Attendees are encouraged to note the striking parallels between these historical forces and current events.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13TH: DR. DEAN EPPLER

Though the Apollo Program was a revolutionary 20th-century achievement, many of its difficulties and successes have faded into

historical obscurity. Dr. Dean Eppler, a retired NASA scientist with over 35 years in human spaceflight, possesses the breadth of experience to bring the mission into focus. His background includes Apollo Program history, advanced space suit engineering, ISS facility development, and training/selecting astronauts (1990, 1996, and 1998 selections). Dr. Eppler will identify the key areas of the mission's success and discuss Apollo's enduring contributions to human spaceflight.

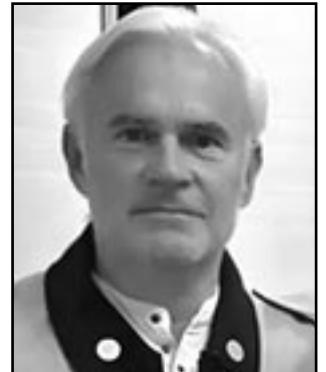
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20TH: HOWARD MEYER

A long-time leader in New Jersey volunteer EMS. He is the past president of the EMS Council of New Jersey, the country's largest volunteer squad association, and served as its volunteer legislative director for over 20 years. Since 1971, he has served in leadership roles, including president and chief, across all types of New Jersey environments—rural, suburban, and urban. Howard will detail the history and

evolution of the volunteer EMS system, highlighting its critical importance to the state. His talk will cover key events and the major challenges volunteer squads face moving forward.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH: BOB GULA

The Forgotten Victory Trail explores one of America's most overlooked Revolutionary chapters in the brutal campaigns of 1780 in NJ, when burning towns, secret networks, and fierce local resistance helped turn the tide of the war. The Battles of Springfield and Connecticut Farms in June 1780 were critical in the defense of New Jersey (and Washington's forces in Morristown) and in the weakening of the British Forces ahead of the Battle of Yorktown. Our speaker will be Bob Gula, Education Officer –West Fields Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution Patriotic Instructor, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Member and General Society of Mayflower Descendants.



(above, l-r) Richard Lander, Dr. Eppler, Howard Meyer, Robert Gula



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STATE CANCELS LEGAL NOTICE MANDATE

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The antiquated mandate is decades old and the cost for the advertising was paid for by public funds from municipalities, counties, school districts, and independent authorities. It was a lucrative business for the publications and more recently the majority of their revenue. Without the mandate the fear in the newspaper industry was that the publications relying on the legal advertising income will not survive.

In some cases the majority of content in the newspaper had been the legal ads. In question was the criteria for the mandate, i.e., were the publications meeting the required numbers of paid subscriptions, and circulation.

The idea of doing away with the mandate, though practical, was considered political poison. No lawmaker wanted to be deemed responsible as the cause for newspapers' closures and people losing their jobs. During the Governor Christi administration the Star Ledger warned that doing away with the mandates would cause 250 weekly newspapers to close.

What brought about the change is a successful lawsuit filed by the County of Warren which named the Star Ledger and Daily Record as defendants. The suit may have been the last straw in the Ledger's decision to stop printing the newspaper in January of 2025.

Local governments will now be required to publish their legal notices on their websites.



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BROOK ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES IT 2ND SPEAKEASY SOIREE AND SILENT AUCTION.

The historic Brook Arts Center is proud to announce its Second Annual Speakeasy Soirée & Silent Auction, Friday, January 23, 2026, at 7:00 PM. This Roaring '20s-themed evening promises an unforgettable night of glitz, glamour, entertainment, and support for one of Somerset County New Jersey's, historic landmarks.

Guests will be transported back to the golden age as they enjoy live music, period-inspired entertainment, and a lavish buffet.

The evening's highlight is a silent auction featuring more than 100 exclusive items, including a cruise getaway, a Bradford Portraits gift certificate with a private photo session, a 20-inch framed wall portrait and luxury hotel stay, four VIP tickets to Meadowlands Racing with dinner and winner's circle photos, designer handbags, sports memorabilia, dining and spa packages and so much more.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$80 per couple and include buffet dining, live music, live

entertainment, and a cash bar.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in their finest 1920s-inspired attire to fully embrace the spirit of the evening.

The Speakeasy Soirée is the Brook Arts Center's largest fundraiser of the year.

As a fully volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Brook Arts Center relies on community support to continue with the preservation and restoration of the facility and its mission of providing high-quality entertainment, inspiring creativity, fostering community partnerships, and nurturing education and growth through the arts.

Tickets are on sale now through January 16, 2026.

To purchase tickets or learn more, visit www.brookarts.org.

Reserve your tickets today and be part of a glamorous night that helps keep the arts alive in our community.



SUMMIT PUBLIC LIBRARY JANUARY PROGRAMS

Registration is required and programs are held in-person at the Summit Library unless otherwise noted: 75 Maple St., Summit NJ. To register or to see a complete list of events, visit www.summitlibrary.org.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Getting Started with ChatGPT

Tuesday, 1/6, 7:00-8:00PM

In-person & online. Learn how small businesses can use ChatGPT for marketing and online presence. Presenter: Elizabeth Gearhart.

Concert: The Cover Girls

Sunday, 1/11, 2:00-3:00PM

Enjoy upbeat harmonies and timeless favorites from long-time duo Kathy Martin and Mary Damato. No registration required.

Design Your Own Jigsaw Puzzle

Sunday, 1/11, 2:00-4:00PM

Create your own jigsaw puzzle using blank pieces and markers. Instructor: Mary Piekarski. Registration opens 12/28.

A Club in Motion: Mobility & Strength

Tuesdays, 1/13-2/17, 10:00-11:00AM

Improve mobility, balance, and strength through gentle functional movement.

Virtual Author Talk: David Brooks

Tuesday, 1/13, 2:00-3:00PM

Online. Brooks discusses his book on empathy and connection, followed by live Q&A.

Film Screening: Plastic People

Tuesday, 1/13, 7:00-8:30PM

Discuss a documentary on microplastics.

Virtual Author Talk: Julia Hotz

Tuesday, 1/20, 2:00-3:00PM

Online. Hotz explores how movement, nature, art, and service boost well-being, followed by live Q&A.

Explore Your World: World War II

Causes and Consequences

Fridays, 1/23-2/27, 10:00AM-12:00PM

In-person & online. Prof. Ian Drake examines the origins, major battles, turning points, and debates of WWII.

Adult Craft: No-Sew Fleece Scarf

Sunday, 1/25, 2:00-3:30PM

Make a cozy fleece scarf using simple no-sew techniques. Instructor: Marge Barkan. Registration opens 1/11.

Leverage AI Tools to Profit Tomorrow

Tuesday, 1/27, 7:00-8:30PM

Online. Learn practical ways to use AI tools to grow a business and boost productivity.

Presenter: Eddi Khaytman.

Virtual Author Talk: Liz Moore

Wednesday, 1/28, 7:00-8:00PM

Online. Moore discusses her latest literary thriller, followed by live Q&A.

George Washington, New Jersey, and the Revolutionary War

Thursday, 1/29, 7:00-8:00PM

Explore Washington's leadership and NJ's key role in the Revolutionary War. Presenter: Joel Farkas.

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Concert: Rhonda Denet

Sunday, 2/1, 2:00-3:00PM

Vocalist Rhonda Denet performs Motown songs featured in classic films including Mahogany, The Wiz, Boomerang, and more. No registration required.

Highlighted Programs for Youth & Families

Greek Mythology for Teens

2nd & 4th Thursdays in January, February & March, 5:00-6:00PM

Learn myths and culture through games and activities; bring your own device if possible.

For grades 5-12.

Winter Baby Prom

Friday, 1/16, 10:00-11:30AM

Dress up for dancing, sensory play, photos, and winter-themed fun for little ones. For ages 1-4.

Kids Are Cooking: Hot Cocoa Bombs

Wednesday, 1/21, 4:00-5:00PM

Make your own hot cocoa bombs to warm up your winter day. For grades 3-6.

Hamilton Sing-Along

Monday, 1/26, 2:45-4:15PM

Watch Hamilton on the big screen and sing along to your favorite songs. For grades 6-8.

Minecraft: Big Bad Wolf

Friday, 1/30, 2:00-3:30PM

Build sturdy houses and join either the Wolves or the Pigs in this strategy-based Minecraft challenge. For grades 1-5.

The Perfect Neighbor: Documentary & Discussion

Saturday, 1/31, 1:00-4:00PM

Watch the Netflix documentary and discuss community, race, and "stand your ground" laws; teens need a permission slip. For grades 9-12 & adults.

SUMMIT TO CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR 2026

The Summit Library Chinese Club will host its annual Lunar New Year Celebration on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 1 - 4 p.m., in partnership with the Summit Area YMCA and the Summit Free Public Library. This event is free of charge and will take place simultaneously at both the YMCA and the Library.

At the YMCA, guests will enjoy an exciting lineup of live cultural performances, including a Lion Dance, a Dragon Dance Parade, a Kung Fu demonstration, Peking Opera, a traditional costume show, sampling of Asian cuisines, and other family-friendly activities.

At the Library, guests can view the annual Lunar New Year Art Show, which will showcase original works by young artists from Summit and surrounding areas. Library activities will include traditional Chinese painting, woodcut printing, sugar painting, and other hands-on cultural experiences.

"Our community's Lunar New Year celebration has grown over the years into a tradition where children explore our culture through crafts and performances, families come together, and neighbors connect across generations," said Ni Liu, member of the Summit Free Public Library Foundation and organizer of the Summit Library Chinese Club.

Submissions to the Lunar New Year Art show are open from January 1 through January 30, 2026. Students enrolled in Kindergarten through 8th grade in Summit and neighboring communities are encouraged to submit an original work; details may be found at: www.summitlibrary.org/2026-art-show

The Summit Library Chinese Club, a volunteer-led organization, collaborates with the Summit Library to present cultural programs throughout the year, including monthly Chinese Corner activities for elementary students and Chinese calligraphy workshops for all ages.

Registration is required for each attendee of the Lunar New Year Celebration; visit summitlibrary.org to register.

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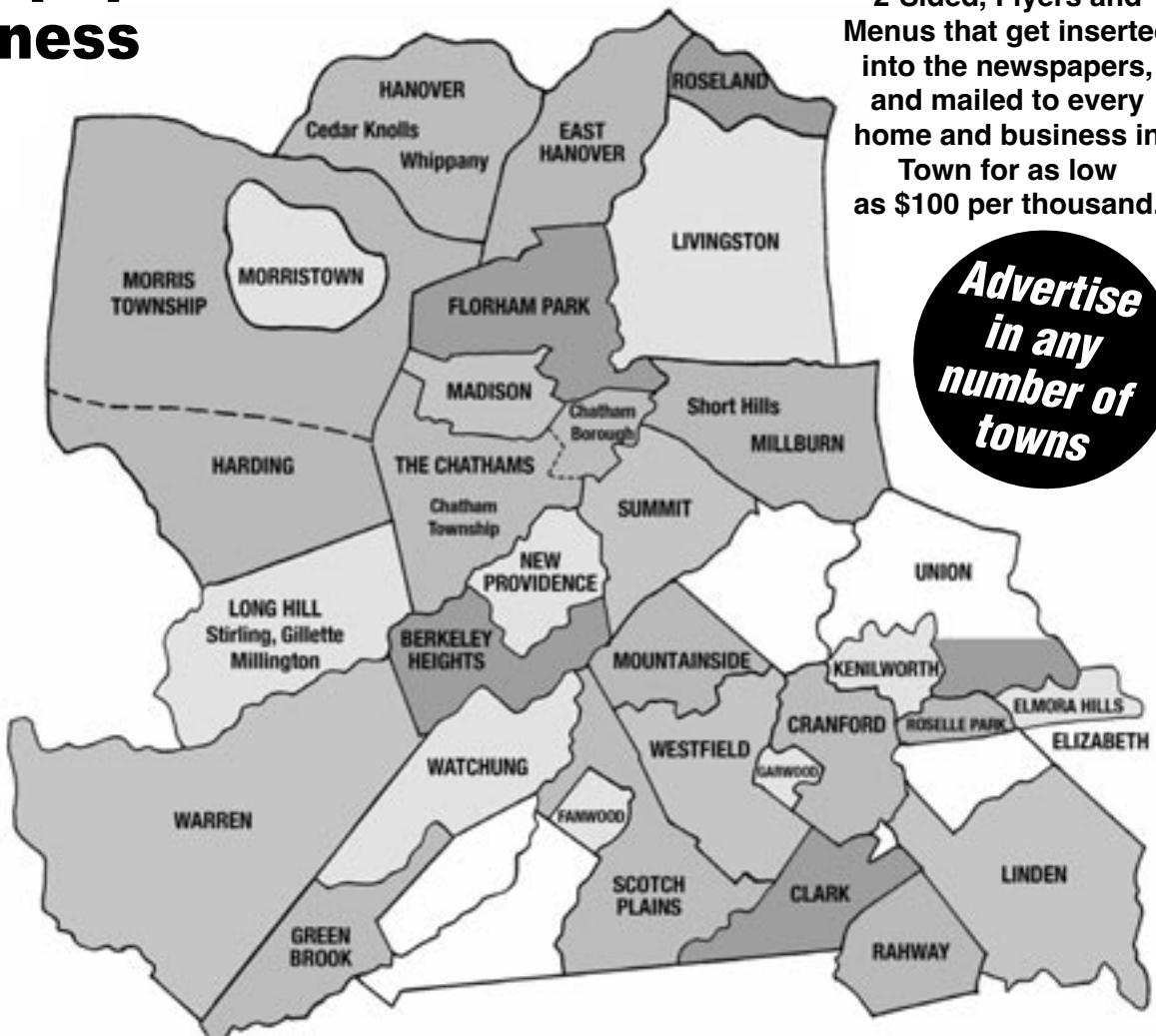
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