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## DOWNTOWN PREPARES FOR ANNUAL FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of community, laughter, and local flavor! Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) is thrilled to announce the return of the highly anticipated Family Fun Night (presented by Atlantic Health Overlook Medical Center), in downtown Summit on Thursday, June 4, 2026.

Designed as the ultimate end of school celebration for families, this year's event promises a really fun lineup of interactive attractions, great food, and non-stop entertainment right in the heart of Summit's vibrant downtown from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

"Family Fun Night is all about celebrating what makes our community so special! We are converting downtown Summit into a fun block party where families can connect, support local businesses, and create lasting memories." – Bill Robb, Chair of Summit Downtown, Inc.

### WHAT TO EXPECT AT THIS YEAR'S FAMILY FUN NIGHT

This incredible June 4th event will feature a wide array of activities guaranteed to keep attendees of all ages smiling from ear to ear. Highlights of the evening include:

- **Attractions & Games:** The Bank Street Lot will be transformed into an interactive playground featuring a Petting Zoo, a Gaming Truck, and a Bubble Party Van. Stroll through the event to enjoy face painting, airbrush tattoos, a photo booth, balloon artists and engaging activities hosted by local non-profits and downtown businesses.

- **Main Stage Entertainment:** DJ Mr. Socks will be spinning tracks to keep the energy high all evening. The Main Stage will also feature a fantastic, family-friendly lineup including music by Jumpin' Jaime, a special "Eyes of the Wild" animal exhibit, and a captivating magic show by Mr. Magico.
- **Food Truck Row:** Come hungry! Bank Street will host a curated fleet of the area's best culinary offerings, including Puras Paletas, Pizza Vita, Pretzel Boy, Anita's Baked Wonders, WOOPS Macarons, and Cereal Dreams. Plus, grab a bag of Just Delicious Kettle Corn while strolling down Beechwood Road.
- **Downtown Shopping & Dining:** In addition to the festival offerings, several downtown Summit merchants and restaurants will be open to explore. SDI encourages attendees to grab a family dinner at one of the great local restaurants after attending Family Fun Night.

### PLAN YOUR VISIT

- Family Fun Night is free to attend for everyone!
- **Date:** Thursday, June 4, 2026 • **Time:** 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM
- **Location:** Downtown Summit, NJ. The event will take place along Beechwood Road, Bank Street, and the Bank Street Parking Lot.
- **Road Closures:** Beechwood Road, Bank Street, and the Bank Street Lot will be closed to vehicular traffic starting at noon on the day of the event. Parking will be available in the surrounding streets, municipal lots, and garages.

Family Fun Night is made possible by the generous support of our community sponsors, including Community Catalyst sponsor Atlantic Health Overlook Medical Center.

"Atlantic Health Overlook Medical Center is honored to help bring people together to share a night of safe, family-centered fun and our commitment to healthier communities at this year's Family Fun Night," said Stephanie Schwartz, FACHE, president, Atlantic Health Overlook.

Additional sponsors who help bring this magical event to life include: Jeff Lake Camp, Lois Schneider Realtor, Brownie Points, Wealth Enhancement Group, JAG Physical Therapy, and The Connection.

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## ZACHARY RUSH EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK

### Summit Boy Scouts Troop 6

Zachary Rush of Summit Boy Scouts Troop 67 achieved the rank of Eagle Scout at the beginning of 2026 after nearly a decade in Scouting, a journey that began when he joined Cub Scouts at age eight. Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America), achieved by only about 4% of Scouts. It requires earning 21 merit badges, demonstrating leadership and Scout spirit, and completing a major community service project.

Rush says Scouting played a major role in shaping his future goals and helped him develop leadership and service-oriented skills. For his Eagle Scout project, Rush designed and built three oversized shelving units for a classroom at St. Patrick School. Inspired by school principal Dr. Christine Ross, he took on the project with minimal carpentry experience, designing and constructing the units from scratch over a five-month period with the help of his family, fellow Scouts, and assistant scoutmasters from Troop 67. The shelves were completed and successfully delivered and installed on July 17, 2025.

As he prepares for graduation, Rush says he is grateful for the opportunities, experiences, and lessons gained throughout his Scouting journey, which he plans to carry with him into the future. In the fall, he hopes to study Physics at College of William & Mary while continuing his commitment to community service and leadership.

Troop 67 has been active at St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church in Summit since 1933. If you would like more information about the troop, please contact: [sites.google.com/yahoo.com/troop67online](https://sites.google.com/yahoo.com/troop67online).



(above) Zachary Rush of Summit Earns BSA Eagle Scout Rank

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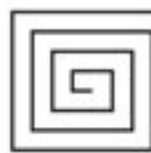
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# SUMMER KICKOFF IN SUMMIT: WATCH PARTIES, LIVE MUSIC, AND FRESH FINDS DOWNTOWN

As the summer season officially arrives, downtown Summit is transforming into the region's premier destination for community celebration. Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) is proud to announce an action-packed summer lineup, featuring the debut of the Summit Downtown Welcomes the World watch parties, the return of the fan-favorite Summit Street Sounds music series, and the continued success of the Summit Farmers Market.

Whether visitors are looking to cheer on world-class athletes, discover local musical talent, or source the finest New Jersey produce, downtown Summit offers an unparalleled experience this season.

## SUMMIT DOWNTOWN WELCOMES THE WORLD: WATCH PARTIES

Sports enthusiasts can experience the energy of the world's biggest sporting event right in the heart of the city. This summer, SDI invites fans to gather for Summit Downtown Welcomes the World, as they host two community watch parties featuring high stakes matches on giant outdoor screens.

**DATES:** Thursday, June 11th (Opening Game)  
Sunday, July 19th (Championship)  
**TIME:** 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM (Matches kickoff at 3:00 PM)  
**LOCATION:** Bank Street Parking Lot

### THE EXPERIENCE:

- **Beer & Wine Garden:** Adult fans can enjoy a refreshing selection of beverages while taking in the action.
- **Food Trucks:** A diverse lineup of food trucks will be on-site serving up local favorites and international flavors.
- **Seating:** A limited number of tables and chairs will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, so make sure to arrive early! Attendees are also strongly encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs to ensure a comfortable spot for the full 90 minutes of gameplay!

## SUMMIT STREET SOUNDS!

The soundtrack to summer evenings is back! Summit Street Sounds returns to the downtown Summit, bringing a festive energy to the sidewalks and plazas all summer long.

## DATES: Every Thursday and Friday evening in June and July

(Please note: There will be no performances on Friday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth, or Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day).

**TIME: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**LOCATION: Various street corners and pocket parks throughout downtown Summit**

### DETAILS:

Residents and visitors are invited to stroll, shop, and dine while enjoying live performances from an eclectic mix of local musicians. From jazz and blues to acoustic rock, these performances provide the perfect backdrop for a night out in Summit. Guests can secure an outdoor table at a favorite downtown restaurant or shop late at participating retailers while enjoying the music.

## SUMMIT FARMERS MARKET

A staple of the Summit community for decades, the immensely popular Summit Farmers Market continues its robust 2026 season every Sunday.

**DATES: Every Sunday (Through December 20th)**

**TIME: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**LOCATION: Park & Shop Lot No. 1 (Corner of DeForest and Woodland Avenues)**

### DETAILS:

Patrons can shop directly from New Jersey's best farmers and artisans. June is the perfect time to find seasonal berries, fresh greens, artisanal breads, gourmet cheeses, and handmade food dishes.

## ABOUT SUMMIT DOWNTOWN, INC.

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# Summit STREET SOUNDS



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Join us as we once again fill the streets with live music for the summer! Artists will be playing throughout town and feature different genres.



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The New Jersey Festival Orchestra closes its season with One Thousand and One Nights, an evening inspired by the legendary Arabian tales that gave rise to Rimsky-Korsakov's beloved orchestral masterpiece Scheherazade. Presented in collaboration with the Slovak-American Cultural Center (S-ACC), the program blends storytelling, international artistry, and symphonic color in performances on Saturday, May 30 at 7:00 pm at The Presbyterian Church in Westfield and Sunday, May 31 at 2:30 pm at the Sieminski Theater in Basking Ridge.

At the center of the program is Scheherazade, Rimsky-Korsakov's vivid musical interpretation of the timeless stories told by Scheherazade night after night to save her life. Sweeping melodies, shimmering orchestration, and dramatic contrasts immerse audiences in a world of myth and imagination, bringing the spirit of the legendary tales vividly to life.

"It is music that represents the rolling sea, the drama of adventure, and the allure of exotic romance," says NJFO Music Director David Wroe, describing the work as "an irresistible musical combination" that transports listeners into the world of One Thousand and One Nights.

The evening also features internationally

acclaimed Slovak guitarist Karol Samuelčík performing Joaquín Rodrigo's *Fantasia para un gentilhombre*. Presented through NJFO's collaboration with the Slovak-American Cultural Center, Samuelčík brings warmth and virtuosity to Rodrigo's celebrated work inspired by 17th-century Spanish music and dance traditions.

"The Slovak-American Cultural Center is thrilled to partner—again—with the NJFO to introduce world-renowned guitarist Karol Samuelčík to American audiences," writes S-ACC Board Member and longtime NJFO supporter Tanya Pulver. "Performing Joaquín Rodrigo's celebrated *Fantasia para un gentilhombre*, Samuelčík promises to enchant listeners, pairing the concerto's historic elegance with his signature vibrant energy and technical brilliance."

"What I love about the piece is its elegance, colour, and contrast," Samuelčík says. "The guitar creates a dialogue with the orchestra."

Together, these works create an evening shaped by imagination and storytelling, where music becomes the narrator and the orchestra brings centuries-old legends to life.

Tickets are available at [www.njfestivalorchestra.org/concerts](http://www.njfestivalorchestra.org/concerts) or by calling (908) 232-9400. Discounts are available to highschool and college students.

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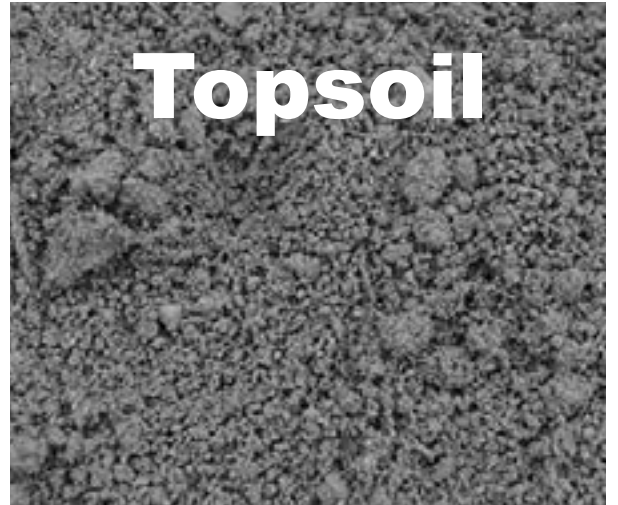
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education through certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians to reduce preventable injuries and promote safety awareness throughout the community - motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death and injury among children. The Summit Elks Charitable Foundation is proud to fund this effort to keep all children safe by eliminating a family's financial barrier to an age-appropriate car seat.



(above, l-r) Amy Prince, Kristine Peterson, Diane Amaya, Lou DeSocio, Frances Ortiz, Apollo Hrehorovich, Dr. Adrian Balica, and Kerry Mowry

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# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF LIONISTIC SERVICE

## The Summit Lions Club

On February 26th, 1926 the historic Summit Lions Club began its noble mission of local charitable services to all those in need at the Blackburn Hotel, now the Albion.

Some of the diverse caring services of Summit Lions include diabetes and eye care education and assistance, vision screening of youth, food distributions to those economically challenged, planting of trees and park cleanups, scholarships for college-bound youth in the medical field, and a well known tradition of collecting used eyeglasses; these spectacles are brought to a professional center to be cleaned, repaired, and recalibrated with varied prescription strengths before being distributed in developing countries as well as to anyone who lacks access to eye care.

The Summit Lions Club is part of the

International Association of Lions Clubs which was founded in Oak Brook Illinois on July 7th, 1917 by Melvin Jones who united a group of businessmen desirous of altruistic service for the community. The Club's ideals of good citizenship, solid business values, and mission of selfless service soon took on global proportions of membership and worldwide import.

In 1925, the famous Helen Keller commissioned the Lions to be "Knights for the blind" and "Crusaders against darkness."

The Lions today are the largest service organization in the world with over 1.4 million members in over two hundred countries. Faithful to their foundational mission of advocacy and support for blindness and vision challenges, Lions also are champions of assistance with disaster relief and humanitarian aid, diabetes

awareness, assisting children with cancer, environmental improvement, enhancing the lives and future of youth, mental health, and hunger relief. Their motto "We serve!" defines Lionism!

This year marks the Centennial Celebration of Lionistic service to the City of Summit. Lion President Peter Twill proudly follows in his father George Twill's own Lion President's footsteps. Peter carries on the valuable tradition of compassion, practical help, being a helping hand and a caring smile for others.

Lion Peter invites all to join in the grand celebrations this year, and also even consider becoming a Lion in this ongoing living tradition of service for others. For more information go to [summitlionsclub.or](http://summitlionsclub.or), or visit us on Facebook @ [NJSummitLionsClub](https://www.facebook.com/NJSummitLionsClub).

## COLLAGE OF PHOTOS OF THE SUMMIT LIONS CLUB THRU THE YEARS

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# SHE WAS A 48-YEAR-OLD MOM FROM BERKELEY HEIGHTS... TERRIFIED TO WEAR A LITTLE BLACK DRESS AT HER DAUGHTER'S WEDDING - UNTIL THIS HAPPENED

When guests gathered for a recent summer wedding in town, expectations were clear: a beautiful bride, proud parents, heartfelt speeches, and a lively dance floor.

What no one expected was that one of the most talked-about moments of the night would involve the bride's mother.

As Helen, 48, walked down the aisle in a fitted dress with a tastefully exposed back, heads turned. Conversations paused. By the time the reception was underway, it was clear this mother of the bride had made an impression few would forget.

It wasn't just that she looked great. She looked strong. Defined. Confident. Guests kept asking the same question throughout the night:

What does she do to look like that?

That question is how this story begins.

## FROM TIRED, SOFT AND WEAK TO STRONG, LEAN AND CONFIDENT

A few years ago, Helen was not the woman people were buzzing about at a wedding. "I was tired all the time," Helen said. "My back hurt, my knees hurt, and I just felt older than I was.

I was in my late 40s, yes — but I felt like that was my whole identity."

Like many adults in their 40's 50s and 60s, Helen assumed aches, pains, and declining energy were simply the cost of aging. Exercise felt intimidating and confusing. Big gyms felt impersonal. Working out on her own felt unsafe.

"I didn't know what I should be doing, and I was afraid of hurting myself, so I just did nothing," she said.

A friend introduced her to a local personal training gym in Berkeley Heights, and she started with a free trial.

"I was so scared. I didn't walk in thinking I'd change my body," Helen said. "I was just hoping I could finally find a program that was right for me and do something for my health consistently."

## THE UNKNOWN WORKOUT PLAN THAT CHANGED THE GAME

What Helen found was not a room full of treadmills and mirrors, but a personalized fitness program led by highly knowledgeable personal trainers who specialize in working with adults ages 40–60.

Helen didn't need anything extreme — she needed the right program and the right support.



(above) Helen flexing at one of their infamous 6 AM workouts at Gabriele Fitness

She started with two days per week. As her energy improved and her pain decreased, she gradually built up to three days per week. Each workout was done in a small-group setting, allowing for personalized coaching without the pressure or cost of one-on-one training.

"The accountability mattered," Helen said. "If I didn't show up, someone noticed. And if something hurt, they adjusted things immediately."

## REDEFINING WHAT SOMEONE IN THEIR 40s CAN LOOK AND FEEL LIKE

Over time, the changes added up. Helen lost body fat. She gained muscle. More importantly, she gained confidence.

"I stopped thinking about what I couldn't do... and started thinking about what was next."

Years later, Helen is still a member and has even become a Grandma! She lifts weights people half her age shy away from. She moves pain-free. She keeps up with her grandchildren - and sometimes outpaces them.

So when her daughter's wedding approached, Helen didn't think twice about wearing the dress she loved.

"I didn't choose it to show off," she laughed. "I chose it because I felt good in my own skin."

The reaction at the wedding told the rest of the story.



(above) Helen turning every head as the mother of the bride

## A LOCAL SECRET GETS PUBLIC

As word spread, one question kept coming up again and again:

What is the secret workout plan that's making her look that good?

The answer was simple: Gabriele Fitness — a small community personal training gym right in Berkeley Heights.

Helen's transformation didn't come from crash diets or marathon workouts. It came from consistency, expert coaching, and a supportive environment designed for real people — not fitness models.

## FEELING BETTER AT 48 THAN SHE DID AT 28

Helen's story may have started with wedding buzz, but it's really about something deeper: what's possible when people stop accepting decline as inevitable.

"I wish I had started sooner because I feel better at 48 than I did at 28," Helen said. "But I'm grateful I started when I did."

A personal and confidential message from Helen to anyone on the fence about getting started.

"Ladies, having a personal trainer changed my life. Without a trainer, I never would have come close to looking and feeling this good. I tried so many times on my own and failed. I know it's hard to get started — I was scared myself. But if you find an amazing gym like I did (Gabriele Fitness), it changes everything.

The funny thing is, on the front door of the gym there's a sign that reads, 'You just did the hard part. We'll take it from here.' And I truly believe that if you find a place you trust, that genuinely cares about you, and you show up consistently, you'll get into the best shape of your life.

For me, being in great shape has made my entire life so much better. I'm happier, stronger, full of energy... and my workouts are the reason."

For those who see themselves in Helen — those who feel older, weak, tired, stressed, struggling to burn fat, and are secretly starting to believe their best years are behind them — Read This:

Gabriele Fitness has opened 13 spots for local residents to experience their personal training program...FREE for 14 days. The offer expires on June 6th and is available to only 13 people. To get the full details on the free program and see if any spots are still available, scan below...



Scan the code or go to [refer.gabrielefitness.com/helen](https://refer.gabrielefitness.com/helen) or Call us at (908) 293-9666

P.S. Many people reading this article will be inspired by Helen... yet still feel hesitant to try the program. With anything new, there's always uncertainty — especially with something like a new fitness routine. But if you're not working out right now, or you've been inconsistent (like most people) you've read the exact article you needed to read today because...

Gabriele Fitness has helped thousands of people in this community over the past 18 years. For some, the program has had a life-changing effect, and many members have stayed for nearly two decades.

A large number of them are now in the best shape of their lives (...and 2 decades older) — but they all started in the same place as anyone reading this and considering starting their fitness journey.

If you're still hesitant, visit our website [gabrielefitness.com/results](https://gabrielefitness.com/results) for an ocean of success stories from people just like you... who've transformed their lives... and in some cases, the lives of everyone in their family. This is powerful stuff.

## WHY GABRIELE FITNESS FOCUSES ONLY ON ADULTS OVER 40

Adults over 40 face a perfect storm of demands that make fitness more critical — and more challenging — than ever before. They're in the prime of their careers, often in leadership roles where the pressure is relentless and the hours are long.

They're raising children or supporting aging parents — sometimes both at the same time. Their stress levels are high, their metabolism is slowing down, and their bodies don't recover like they used to.

Yet this is precisely when they need their health and energy most — to perform at work, to be present for their families, to enjoy the success they've worked so hard to build, and to avoid the chronic diseases that affected their parents' generation.

The cruel irony is that when fitness matters most, it's also when finding time for it feels nearly impossible.

That's why adults over 40 don't need another generic gym membership. They need expert guidance designed specifically for their unique challenges, their busy schedules, and their refusal to accept that their best years are behind them.

To get the full details about the Free Personal Training Program and to see if any of the 13 spots are still available scan below...



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## BABY SHOWER RAISES OVER \$5,000

The Christ Child Society of Summit (CCSS) held its annual Baby Shower on Wednesday, May 6th, at Memorial Hall of St. Teresa of Avila Church. The event, chaired by Marilee Klaschka and Natalie Petrides with help from Allison Fagan, was attended by 90 members and guests and raised over \$5,000.

The recipients of this year's Mary Virginia Merrick Award, for outstanding commitment to our community, were Regina Feeney, for chairing the Blankets for Babies Program, and to Sue Flannery Huffman, Sarah Walker, and Marianne O'Connor for their leadership in running our Layettes Programs. The programs provide low income mothers and babies with many essential items.

The CCSS Baby Shower is the organization's largest fundraiser. Money raised from this event is crucial to funding the organization's layette and diaper distribution programs. In addition to donations, layettes were collected at the door.

If you were unable to attend the event and would like to contribute, online donations can be made at christchildsummit.org, or checks can be made out to Christ Child Society of Summit and mailed to P.O. Box 125, Summit, NJ 07902-0125.

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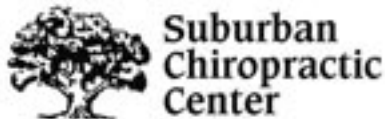
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(above, l-r) Recipients of the Christ Child Society of Summit's Mary Virginia Merrick Award: Sue Flannery Huffman and Marianne O'Connor with CCSS President Lois Melka.



(above, l-r) Christ Child Society of Summit Baby Shower Chairs Natalie Petrides and Marilee Klaschka with CCSS President Lois Melka

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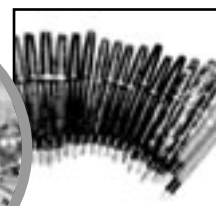
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At the Art Center, ECLC PRIDE participants engage with current exhibitions, receive guided art instruction, and create individual artworks alongside experienced teaching artists. These sessions intentionally foster social connection and support participants' social and emotional well-being.

"The Elks Club's generous donation will allow us to continue providing high-quality, once-a-week programming to our friends at ECLC," said Rachel Aponte, Director of Education & Community Engagement. "The goals of this program align seamlessly with the mission of the Art Center, and this meaningful contribution from the Elks, will help us continue this important work."

About the Summit Elks Lodge 1246  
For more than 150 years, the Elks have worked towards their mission of inculcating the principles of charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. They have done so by supporting numerous charitable causes, providing scholarships to students in need, offering a local meeting place for the community, and serving as a place for like-minded individuals to meet and socialize in a relaxed setting. Visit [summitelks1246.org](http://summitelks1246.org) for more information.

### VISUAL ARTS CENTER OF NEW JERSEY

For more than 90 years, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey has been exclusively dedicated to viewing, making, and learning about contemporary art. Recognized as a leading non-profit arts organization, the Art Center's renowned Studio School, acclaimed exhibitions, and educational outreach initiatives serve thousands of youths, families, seniors, and people



(above) Summit Elks donation to the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey will help adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities gain life skills.

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with special needs annually.

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey is located at 68 Elm Street in Summit, NJ. Gallery hours: Monday–Thursday, 10 AM–8 PM; Friday & Saturday, 10 AM–5 PM; and Sunday, 11 AM–4 PM. Please call 908.273.9121 to confirm holiday hours. Visit [artcenternj.org](http://artcenternj.org) for more information.

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# SUMMIT PUBLIC LIBRARY JUNE PROGRAMS

## Summer Reading

June 7 – August 30

Open to children, teens, and adults, the Summer Reading Program invites the community to enjoy a season full of books, creativity, and fun.

Every participant will be entered into prize drawings. Register anytime through August 30.

## ADULTS PROGRAMS

### Virtual Author Talk: Mary Savig

Wed, 6/3, 2:00–3:00 PM

Online. Smithsonian Curator Mary Savig discusses her book, State Fairs. Live Q&A.

### Acting is Doing:

Wed, 6/3 & Wed, 6/10, 7:00–8:30 PM

A Workshop for Adults Interested in Amateur Acting or Just Having Fun. This beginner acting workshop introduces foundational performance skills through exercises, partner work, and scene study. For ages 18+.

### Virtual Author Talk with Matt Dinniman

Thu, 6/11, 7:00–8:00 PM

Online. Author Matt Dinniman discusses his latest book, A Parade of Horribles, from the popular Dungeon Crawler Carl series. Live Q&A to follow.

## How to Simplify Your Digital Life

Wed, 6/17, 7:00–8:00 PM

Learn practical tips for managing passwords, privacy, scams, updates, and technology overload with tech tutor Tara Grey.

### Concert: Florian Schantz Jazz Combo

Sun, 6/21, 2:00–3:00 PM

Enjoy music from across America's history performed by the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo, along with stories about the music and instruments.

### Art Talk: Mary Cassatt:

### Impressionist Painter and Printmaker

Thu, 6/25, 7:00–8:00 PM

Online. Presenter Janet Mandel explores the life and work of Mary Cassatt, one of the leading Impressionist artists known for her portrayals of women and family life.

### Adult Craft: Decorative Notebooks\*

Sun, 6/28, 2:00–3:30 PM

Create a decorative journal using classic marble notebooks and craft materials. Instructor: Marge Barkan.

## YOUTH & FAMILIES PROGRAMS

### Donut Decorating with Duck Donuts

Sat, 6/13, 4:00–5:00 PM

Decorate your own donuts; all supplies provided. For grades 1-5.

### Dino Day

Tue, 6/16, 11:00–11:45 PM

Enjoy dinosaur stories, songs, rhymes, and activities. For ages 1–6.

### Drum Circle

Tue, 6/16, 4:00–4:45 PM

Celebrate Juneteenth by learning West African drumming techniques and participating in a community drum circle. For ages 3–7 and families.

### Fresh & Colorful Cooking

Wed, 6/17, 4:00–5:30 PM

Learn to prepare healthy meals using seasonal fruits and vegetables. For grades 1–5.

## Dino Pastels

Thu, 6/18, 4:00–5:00 PM

Create a dinosaur-themed pastel landscape while learning blending and shading techniques. For grades 3-6.

### “How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?”

Thu, 6/18, 6:00–6:45 PM

Celebrate Summer Reading with dinosaur-themed bedtime stories and activities. For ages 1–6.

### Animal Myths

Tue, 6/23, 11:00–11:45 AM

Meet live animals with the Turtle Back Zoo team and learn the truth behind common animal myths and misconceptions. For ages 4–7.

### Lego Club

Wed, 6/24, 4:00–5:00 PM

Build Lego creations that will be displayed throughout the library during the summer. For grades 1–5 and families.

### 3D Printed Dino

Thu, 6/25, 4:00–5:00 PM

Learn how to use Tinkercad to design your own dinosaur model for 3D printing. For grades 3-6.

### Dinosaurs on the Summit Green\*

Sun, 6/28, 2:00–2:45 PM & 3:15–4:00 PM

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### Lil Al Dinosaur\*

Mon, 6/29, 4:00–4:30 PM

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### Minecraft: Dino Safari\*

Mon, 6/29, 7:00–8:30 PM

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Summit's current collection includes approximately 160,000 items; after the Library joins MAIN, over twenty times more materials will be available to browse and borrow, including books, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, magazines, and more. The larger shared collection will also increase availability of popular titles and reduce wait times for high-demand materials.

The transition to the MAIN shared catalog is scheduled for June 10, 2026.

“Joining MAIN allows us to offer a broader

range of content, better supporting the diverse interests and needs of our community,” said Amy Behr-Shields, Library Director. “It strengthens our ability to fulfill the Library's mission to inform, enrich, and inspire - while continuing to prioritize service to Summit residents.”

Current Summit Library cards will continue to work after the Library joins MAIN; patrons will keep their existing library card number and PIN. During the migration period, other library services may experience brief interruptions. The Library will provide advance notice of any expected outages.

More information about the transition will continue to be shared through the Library's website and social media channels. Patrons with questions about the transition are encouraged to read the Library's FAQ at [summitlibrary.org/main-faq/](http://summitlibrary.org/main-faq/) or contact the Library at [summitlibrary.org/hours-contact/](http://summitlibrary.org/hours-contact/).

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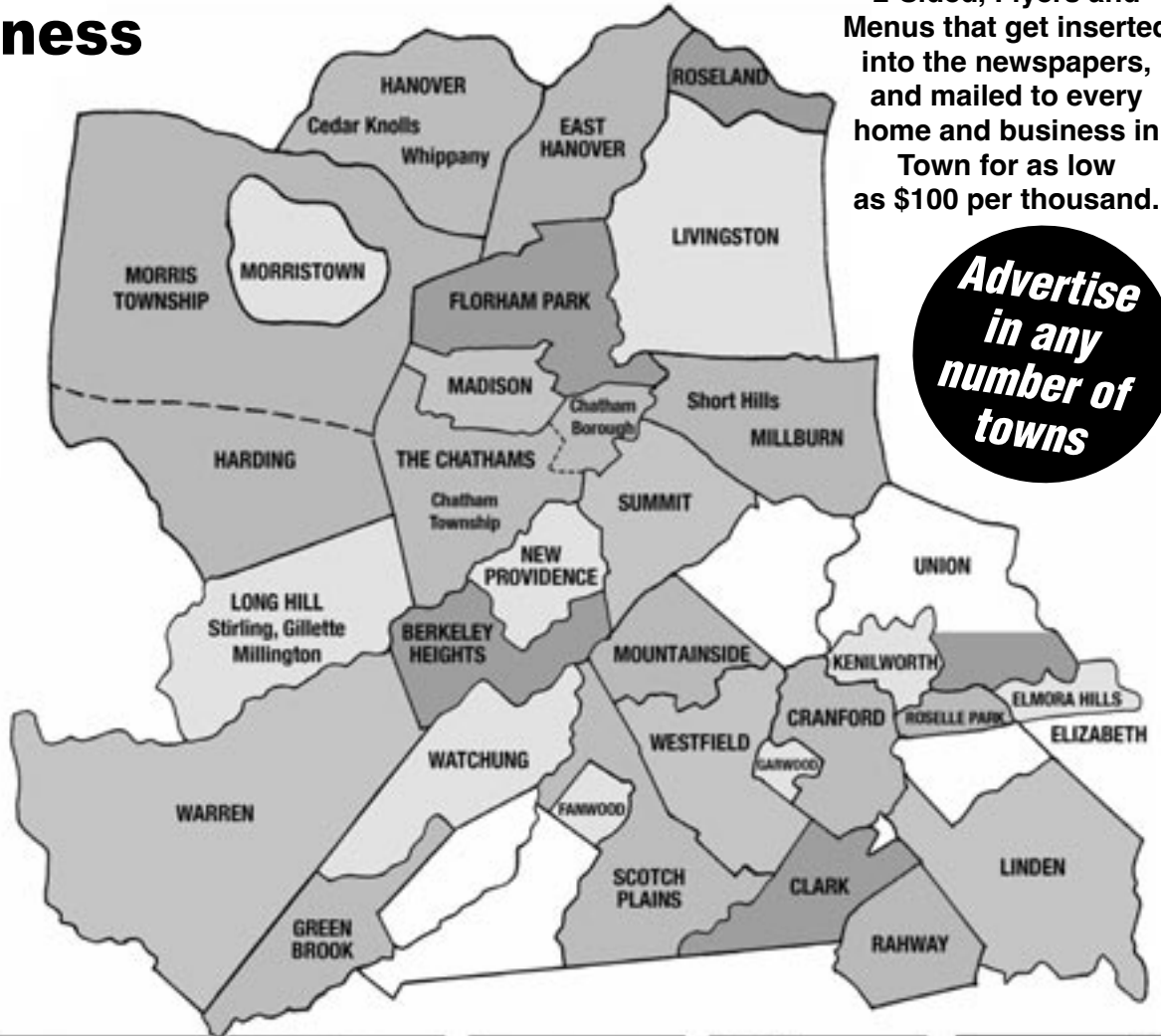
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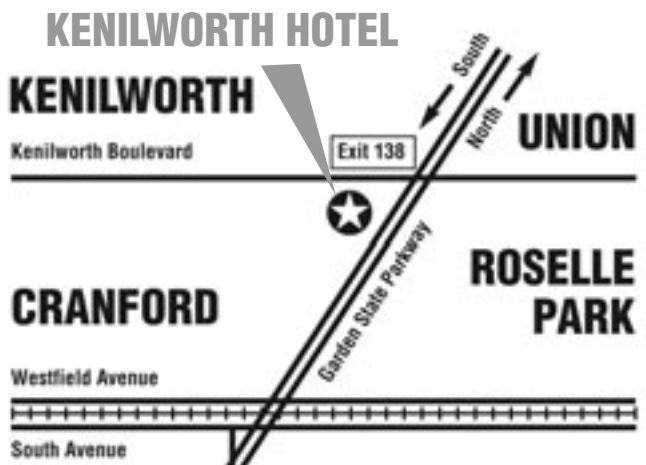
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