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POLICE PARTNER WITH FOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH TO HELP BUILD STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUTH

The Summit Police Department is continuing its community outreach initiatives through a recent program held in partnership with Fountain Baptist Church designed to foster increased understanding and positive relationships between police and the community.

On Saturday, May 14th, Police Chief Robert Weck worked with the congregation at Fountain Baptist Church to facilitate a group dialogue on police interactions with African American youth. During the discussion, hosted by the Fountain Baptist's Boy's Right of Passage Ministry led by Minister Rodney Williams with the assistance of Rev. Vernon Williams, Chief Weck spoke to the young men about the importance of communication and mutual respect while interacting with law enforcement to ensure positive and constructive encounters.

In addition to the discussion, Chief Weck and Officer Matt Tarentino from the Department's Community Policing Unit also demonstrated simulated motor vehicle stops. These simulated traffic stops helped to highlight what citizens

should expect while being stopped by law enforcement, and to demonstrate the high level of professional training standards expected from the Summit Police Department's officers.

"The Summit Police Department is dedicated to working with the members of the community and their leaders to create dynamic partnerships that help make our City a safe and enjoyable place to live, work, and play," said Chief Weck. "I am proud of our partnership with Fountain Baptist Church and grateful to Minister Williams for the opportunity to build relationships with the young members of their congregation, while also showcasing the professional standards of our Department and our officers."

At the close of the presentation, Chief Weck fielded questions from the attendees and held a panel discussion which addressed the continuing initiatives being undertaken by Summit PD and the law enforcement community to promote mutual understanding and cooperation between law enforcement and the public.

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PROMOTE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT

Community service organizations, schools and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos from recent events.

Organizations who are interested in submitting content, please email Lori Theiss at lori@rennamedia.com

AL LEITER DELIVERS MEALS ON WHEELS

Al Leiter, former MLB Pitcher and current studio analyst for MLB Network and a color commentator for the YES Network and Fox Sports Florida, delivered meals to older adults in Summit and Mountainside on Friday, June 10 to help celebrate SAGE Meals on Wheels 50th

Anniversary. On a daily basis, SAGE volunteers deliver meals and check in on approximately 120 older residents in parts of Union, Essex, and Morris Counties. For more information on the program, call 908.273.5554 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.



(above l-r) Lori, Jack and Al Leiter getting ready to deliver meals.


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11 CRITICAL HOME INSPECTION TRAPS TO BE AWARE OF WEEKS BEFORE LISTING YOUR HOME FOR SALE

Summit NJ - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report call toll-free 1-888-243-5861 and enter 3006. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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The City of Summit is announcing the completion of two rain gardens located at the Summit Free Public Library and City Hall. The projects were accomplished through the collaborative efforts of the Summit Department of Public Works, Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resource Program, and Summit Environmental Commission.

Rain gardens function as a way to effectively capture rain water and filter it directly into the ground, reducing storm water runoff. With the installation of these two rain gardens, approximately 30% more clean water will soak into the ground. As rain water travels through

urban streets it becomes contaminated before entering storm drains, and local streams and lakes.

"It is a priority for the City of Summit to manage storm water runoff and reduce our impact on the water system," explains Community Services Director Paul Cascais. "Rain gardens are an important component of our waste water management strategy."

For more information on the newly installed rain gardens, please contact the Department of Community Services

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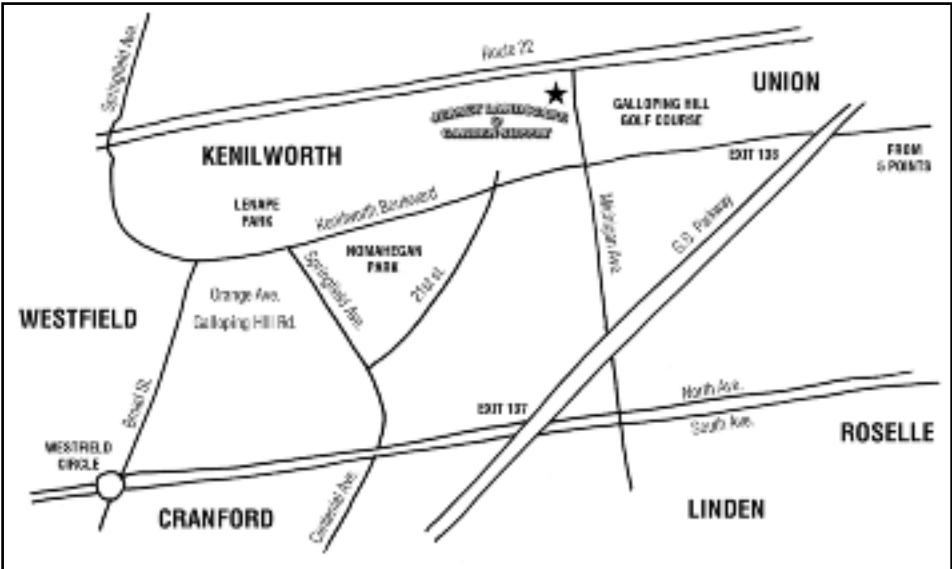
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THE SUMMIT - NEW PROVIDENCE ROTARY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

New Providence Rotary has awarded \$20,900 in scholarships to seven graduating high school seniors from the two communities. It is the 91st consecutive year that the group has awarded scholarships.

Criteria for the awards are academic achievement, community and school involvement.

In announcing the awards, Rotary member Ellen Dickson said, "These young people already exhibit high levels of achievement. We're not taking a chance on them; they've already shown

themselves to be winners." Ms Dickson chaired the scholarship committee, consisting of five Rotarians. The high school guidance departments coordinate distribution and processing of the students' applications, but the choice of winners is made by Rotary.

These students received Rotary scholarships: Summit High School - Samantha Hanley, University of Indiana; Juliana Nociara, NYU, John Berardi, College of New Jersey; Ife Campbell, University of New Haven; Aila Poticano, Rutgers; Lorik Berisha, New

Providence High School, Rutgers; and Cindy Weng, Union County Magnet School, NYU.

Summit Rotary was founded in 1922 and later grew to include New Providence. In addition to its community service projects, the club's major thrust is scholarships for college-bound seniors from Summit and New Providence.

The group meets for Monday lunch at the Grand Summit Hotel at 12:15. More information about Rotary's activities, as well as contacts for membership or other inquiries, is available at www.snprotary.org.

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(above l-r) Seated in front of their parents scholarship winners with their parents: Lorik Berisha, Samantha Hanley, Ife Campbell, Juliana Nociara, and John Berardi.



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GALA HONORS THOSE WHO HELPED IN THE ARBORETUM'S SUCCESS

By: Edir Coronado

Reeves-Reed Arboretum held a special fundraising Gala on Saturday June 4th to show appreciation to key contributors of the Arboretum's success.

Former Summit Mayor Ellen Dickson and her Husband Chip Dickson were both honored at the gala because of their relentless support and availability, not just for the Arboretum, but to all community entities that promote the growth of Summit.

"I first met Ellen Dickson when she was mayor. Immediately it was clear that she loved the Arboretum. She came to every event and many programs," explained Frank Juliano executive director of the Arboretum. He added "then I got to meet her husband Chip and soon it became clear to me that these two people were so engaged in the health and growth of the community."

"I enjoy coming to the Arboretum to relax and enjoy nature", said Ellen. "This is a special part of the community" added Chip. Although both Ellen and Chip appreciate the immense amount of praise they have received for the Arboretum's fortune, they conveyed great gratitude to Juliano for the Arboretum's prosperity.

The Summit Garden Club was also honored at the event and Ellen Hochberger the two-time chairperson for the club accepted the award on behalf of the organization. The Summit Garden Club and the Arboretum have a tight-knit relationship, which allows both entities to flourish. "The Summit Garden Club was part of the team that helped 'create' Reeves-Reed Arboretum," Juliano stated. Hochberger explained, "The Garden Club still maintains the herb garden here," but that's not the only involvement they have.

The Club also provides paid interns and contributes to the community involvement the Arboretum is known for by providing field trip opportunities to children outside of the Summit area.

The Summit Garden Club and Arboretum's relational history delves deep as one of the Garden Club members used to live in the house located in the Arboretum.

After the awards were presented the festivities continued with an auction to help raise monies, so that the Arboretum could continue with its goals.

"Reeves-Reed Arboretum is a service organization, If you were to equate RRA to a for-profit business model, our product is service and our bottom line is people," stated Juliano.



(above) Ellen Hochberger accepted an award on behalf of the Summit Garden Club.



(above l-r) Ellen and Chip Dickson were honored by the Reeves-Reed Arboretum as key contributors.

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and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

For more information contact Molly Ball, Membership Chair, 973 206-1538 or momapal@aol.com.



(above l-r) Ife Campbell of Summit High School, Gayati Bajaj of Oak Knoll, Seong Hyun Lee, a Korean pastor studying at Drew University who won an International Fellowship from the American Association of University Women and who was keynote speaker at the scholarship awards ceremony, Lauren Waldman of Millburn High School, Sama Manchanda of Governor Livingston High School, and Cassie Anzalone of Governor Livingston High School. Not pictured: Amara Balan of Kent Place School.

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Son of Saul

Monday, July 18:

In this searing drama, a concentration camp inmate tasked with burning the dead discovers the body of his young son, and must choose between participating in the clandestine uprising being planned among the prisoners, or securing a proper Jewish burial for his child. In Hungarian with English subtitles. Rated R. 107 minutes.

Samba

Monday, July 25:

Inspiring comedy-drama about Samba Cissé (Omar Sy), a hardworking young man who moves to Paris from Africa in order to send money back to his family after the death of his father. Refused permanent status and

under constant threat of deportation, Samba is on the verge of giving up when a group from the local immigration advocacy center take up his cause, changing all of their lives in the process. In French with English subtitles. Rated R. 106 minutes.

OTHER EVENTS

Shakespeare on the Green

July 13, 2016, 07:00pm

The Summit Free Public Library and the Hudson Shakespeare Company present a free performance of Edward III on the Summit Village Green, funded by the Manley-Winsor Foundation. All are welcome! Please bring your own lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Rain location: Central Presbyterian Church, 70 Maple St., Summit.

Brown Bag Book Group

Friday, July 15, 2016, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lunchtime book group for seniors. Bring a bag lunch; beverages are provided. The group will be discussing "Saving Grace" by Jane Green.

Battleship New Jersey lecture & slideshow Wednesday

July 20, 2016, 07:30pm

Learn about the USS New Jersey (BB-62), her history and inner workings, from a Navy veteran. Keith Nitka has been a tour guide on Battleship New Jersey for several years, and served on her sister ship, the USS Wisconsin during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. The presentation will include a slideshow, and end with a Q&A session.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT CHALKBOARD CONVERSATION

By: Edir Coronado

The Summit community once again welcomes the Chalkboard Conversations, presented by the United Methodist Church in Summit. Each year the volunteers at UMC place a large chalkboard in front of the church, with a question posted and allows all who wish to answer.

The first question is posted by Senior Pastor Shawn Callender Hogan, the chalkboard is meant to be interactive and for residents to become heavily involved, so after the first

question is posted, citizens are asked to create their own questions. The questions are open ended and promotes thought provoking responses. Like the response to the question, “What would you ask god”. A unanimous participant wrote on the chalkboard; “Why did you have to take my son away?”

The chalkboard only goes up during the summer season, when people are more likely to be out and about, but has become so popular that residents often ask why not keep it up the entire

year? Pastor Hogan feels that although the board serves the community well it has its time and should be taken down, to allow people to dwell on the writings on the board.

This year, the first question posted for the community was “Where is your favorite place to find peace?” already people have responded with comments like; on the dance floor, on my yoga mat, and nature walk with my dog. The board has a calming vibe, in that it allows you to express yourself freely, without judgement.



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The City of Summit is preparing for a possible infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive beetle from Asia that has attacked and killed tens of millions of Ash trees. The beetle was first found in New Jersey in the spring of 2014 in Somerset County, and since then, has been caught in six counties throughout the state.

The City of Summit is urging homeowners to take steps to protect their trees and control the spread of the beetle. Signs of an infestation include: canopy dieback beginning at the top of the tree and progressing through the year until the tree is bare; sprouts growing from the roots and trunk; split bark with an S-shaped indentation; D-shaped exit holes; and increased woodpecker activity, creating large holes as they extract the larvae.

For more information on how to protect ash trees please visit www.emeraldashborer.nj.gov.

Residents are encouraged to report signs of the beetle to the Department of Agriculture at 609-406-6939.

OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT AND MOVIE SERIES RETURNS TO VILLAGE GREEN

The Summit DCP is announcing its annual summer movie and concert series will return to the Village Green located at 356 Broad Street this summer throughout July and August.

Presented by Investors Bank, the 2016 Hot Summer Nights Concert Series will once again welcome the best bands of the East Coast to the stage every Tuesday night throughout July. The 2016 series will feature: American Bandstand Review on July 12, Dancin' Machine on July 19, Total Soul on July 26, and Brian Kirk and the Jirks on August 9.

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. The third night of the concert series, Tuesday, July 19, will also serve as Community Night, welcoming thousands of local non-profits to line the Village Green to share their mission.

Every Thursday night, the 2016 Screen on the Green Movie Series will welcome all ages to enjoy a full movie experience complete with on-screen character performances, sponsor giveaways, and family-fun movies played on the 36' x 24' outdoor screen. The 2016 series will

feature: The Peanuts Movie on July 21, Alvin and the Chipmunks Road Chip on July 28, The Book of Life on August 4, and Kung Fu Panda 3 on August 11.

Family Dance Parties hosted by Summit Soundz Entertainment will be held before each movie night at 7:30 p.m. Movies will begin at dark.

Pizza Vita will serve fresh pies prepared in their 100% wood fired oven during each concert and movie night. New food vendors this year will include the CheezN food truck of Red Bank, NJ on concert nights and the Waffle de Lys food truck of Hoboken, NJ on movie nights.

Both movie and concert-goers are reminded to bring their own blankets and chairs. Admission to all movies and concerts is free. All events held with the City of Summit are alcohol and tobacco-free events.

Full event details for the 2016 concert series and the 2016 movie series including vendor and sponsorship information can be found online at summitcommunityprograms.com.



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CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

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Three graduating seniors of Summit High School, Ife Campbell, Aila Poticano and Gabriel Ribeiro have been awarded the 2016 Christ Child Society of Summit Scholarship. The Scholarship is awarded to Summit students who have displayed academic achievement, and worked or volunteered with children.

Ife, Aila and Gabriel were chosen from among twenty-eight applicants because of their dedication to succeed in school, their independent spirit, and their work with children. Ife Campbell will attend the University of New Haven in Connecticut and plans to major in Forensic Psychology/Criminology. Gabriel Ribeiro will attend The College of New Jersey and will major in Biology and Chemistry, and Aila Poticano will attend Rutgers University and will major in

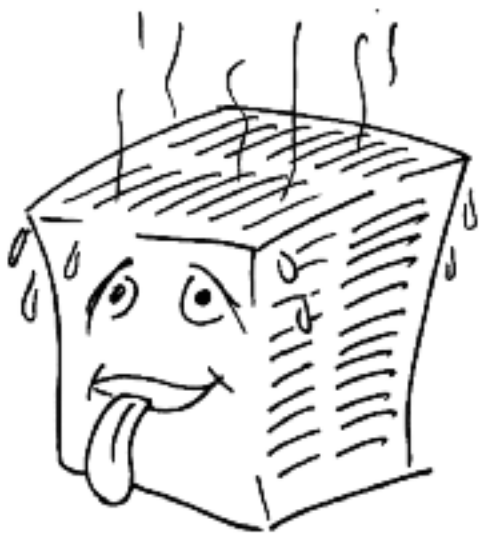
Biology/ Kinesiology.

The Summit Chapter of the Christ Child Society is a non-denominational not-for-profit organization that provides aid and supplies to at-risk children in Summit and neighboring towns. The Christ Child Society helps build better communities by partnering with others to serve children and families in need. In addition to the Annual Scholarship, members assemble and deliver layettes (essential bundles of clothing) to newborns at local hospitals, and partners with Bridges Outreach to run an annual school supplies drive that provides essential supplies for elementary, middle and high school children in Summit. The Christ Child Society of Summit is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.



(above) Christ Child Society Scholarship Recipients, Ife Campbell, Gabriel Ribeiro and Aila Poticano are surrounded by organization members Lori White, Maura Perier, Leslie Drummond and Allison Lees. Members not pictured: Bev Luehs and Jackie McCarthy-Browne.

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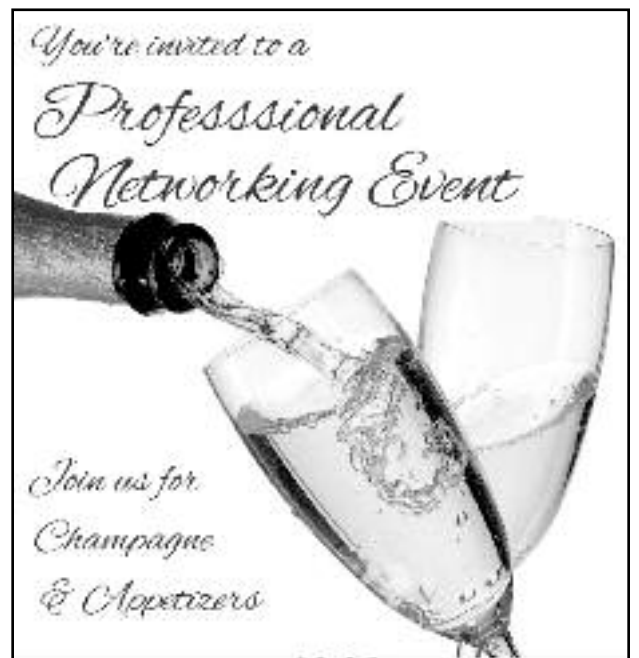
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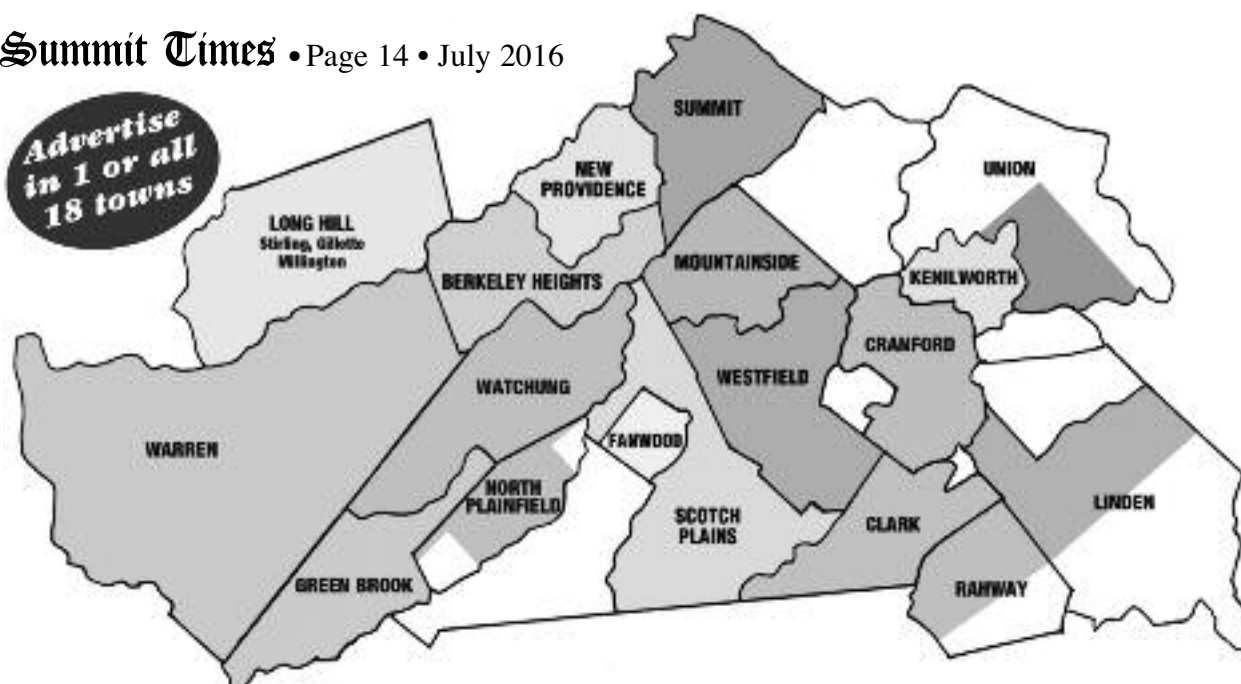
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