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#### **SUMMIT PUBLIC ART INSTALLS NEW SCULPTURES**

The Mayor's Partnership for Public Art, better known as Summit Public Art, has recently installed several exciting sculptures around the City of Summit. They can be found in places like the lawns at City Hall and the Public Library, the Promenade and the Bank Street Mini-Park in downtown, the Village Green, the Tulip Street triangle across from Brayton School, and the Elm Street triangle.

Phyllis Baker Hammond is a renowned international artist whose career has been influenced by a circle of abstract expressionist colleagues. She works in powder-coated aluminum and is featured at two sites. Streaming Spirits, a large multicolored piece, and Cosmos I, an orange sculpture, bring lively color to the City Hall grounds. (Vivian Furman Rubin and Julian Rubin are the sponsors of this site.) At the Public Library, Hammond's outdoor sculpture, Streaming Spirits II, is a large piece in yellow and blue. Her indoor sculpture, the green Cosmos II, sits on a tabletop. All Ms. Hammond's sculptures, these done in 2016, convey playfulness, elegance, and delight through their wonderful interplay of form and color. (The Library site is made possible with generous support from the Pardo family.)

The three aluminum columns in the Promenade, Solar Totems (2016), are by Richard Pitts and reflect the artist's love of materials and how, like music, they can be crafted and composed into works that evoke emotions. Pitts has shown his work in Summit over the years. (Debi and Fred Schwarzmann have graciously sponsored this site.) Jay Lagemann is a prolific sculptor whose work reflects his imagination and joy for life through his depiction of animals as abstract forms in vivid colors. Deer Park (2005) is a colorful piece in painted steel that imagines some of the fauna seen in our own backyards. The sculpture is installed on the Tulip Street triangle, across from Myrtle Avenue. (Jessica Oppenheim and Martin Burke have sponsored the site.)

Shadow Migrations (2015-2016), by Wendy Klemperer, are a series of plate steel sculptures, which can be seen in multiple locations. These installations address how wildlife, threatened in the 20th century, is re-emerging in the wilderness, in suburbs, and even in urban areas. Some sculptures are on the Village Green and others are in the Bank Street Mini-Park and on the Elm Street triangle. (This art was made possible by the generous support of My Life Documentaries and an anonymous donor.)

To learn more about Summit Public Art, visit our website at www.summitpublicart.org or email summitpublicarts@gmail.com. Summit Public Art receives no public funds from the City of Summit to bring art to public places. To make a secure online donation, go to bit.ly/SummitPublicArt.



(above) Phyllis Baker Hammond sculpture.





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#### "MIRACLE ON ELM STREET" ICE SKATING

On Sunday, December 11, Summit Community Programs welcomes all to enjoy a full day of recreational ice skating right in the heart of the City. Grab a skating partner and come out to the Elm Street Parking Lot (behind the Village Green) to enjoy free skating compliments of lululemon.

In addition to skating, the event will feature food trucks, bonfires, music and pictures with Santa. Also this year we will have an Ice Sculptor carving out a piece of history as he creates a life size replica of our Family Aquatic Center Head Lifeguard, Shark Diddy. Stop in throughout the day to see the progress and be there at 7pm for the big reveal.

Half-hour sessions will be held between 3:30pm and 7:00 PM. Event-goers may bring

their own skates however skates will be provided at no additional cost.

Summit's ice skating event is proudly sponsored by lululemon Summit. The synthetic ice rink itself will be set up by Fantasy World Entertainment, a professional amusement and event rental company.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available and for more information on how to promote your local business or organization during Summit's ice skating event, contact David Guida at 908-277-2932.

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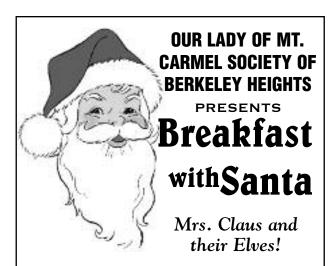
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#### PAY BY LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION REPLACING PAID METERED PARKING ON RAILROAD AVE

November 21, payment by license plate recognition will replace paid metered parking on Railroad Avenue, the street adjacent to the Summit train station.

With the new system, customers will purchase parking time by using the license plate number of their vehicle at a pay station located in the middle of the block. Machines will print a receipt that displays the location, machine number, start and expiration times, amount paid, and license plate.

"This system results in lower set up costs, maintenance, and is more accurate and convenient," explains Parking Services Manager Rita McNany. "In many cities, pay by plate has replaced parking meters and pay-and-display machines, generating fewer disputed tickets. You print your receipt and take it with you with no need to return to your vehicle to display it on your dashboard. Your license plate is the only identifier you need."

McNany continues: "Another advantage is that the system also allows the driver to purchase time

The City of Summit announced effective by phone, making it unnecessary to return to the machine to extend a parking session up to the three hour time limit. The pay by plate machines accepts payment by coins or bills with exact change only, credit and debit cards, and Parkmobile for smart phone payments."

> To assist customers with license plate number recall, the Parking Services Agency will be providing complimentary key fobs with a space for a license plate number to be recorded. Parking Ambassadors will be on hand to assist customers at the Railroad Avenue location during the week of November 21. McNany also suggests using "a mobile phone to take a photograph of the license plate before accessing the pay station."

> Pay by license plate recognition is part of a unified parking management system that was implemented by the Parking Services Agency earlier this year. There are plans to expand use in all city lots and garages by the end of 2017.

> For more information about parking in Summit, please visit cityofsummit.org/parking or contact the Parking Services Agency at parking@cityofsummit.org or 908-522-5100.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP AT BLOOD DRIVES**

New Jersey Blood Services, a division of New York Blood Center, which supplies blood products and services to 60 hospitals throughout the state, is in need of volunteers at blood drives. The blood service volunteer is an integral member of the collection team whose task it is assist donors with registration, escorting and

canteen duties, and to watch for post donation reactions. Volunteers should have the ability to relate to the public, be able to perform different jobs as needed and have the willingness to follow the rules. For additional information contact, Manager of Community Relations, R. Jan Zepka at 732-616-8741 or rzepka@nybloodcenter.org.



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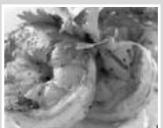
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#### REEVES-REED ARBORETUM'S HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR, DECEMBER 8



Things are getting festive as the boughs are being hung for Reeves-Reed Arboretum's Annual Holiday House Tour, set for Thursday, Dec. 8. The tour will include five elegant homes in Summit and Short Hills, all decked out for the holidays, ranging from contemporary homes to stylish Tudors, along with RRA's historic Wisner House on the Arboretum grounds. The homes will be open for touring from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Wisner House will stay open till 8 pm to accommodate the anticipated number of holiday house tour guests and evening shoppers.

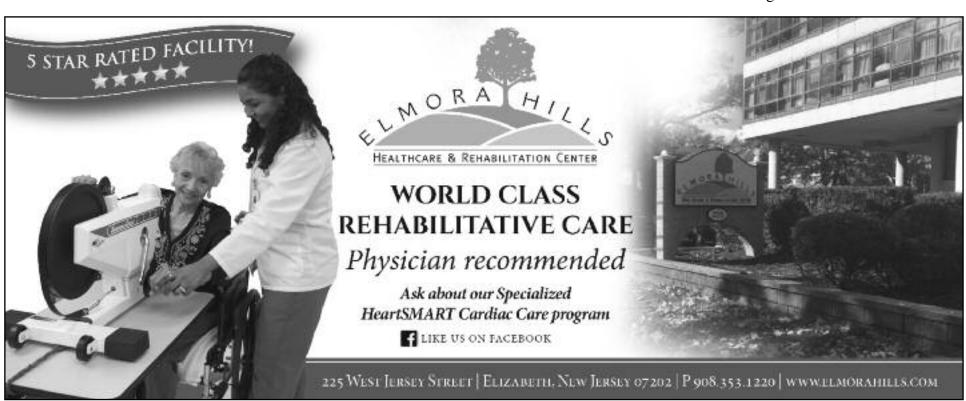
Enjoy our annual Holiday Boutique at Wisner House starting at 9 am on the day of the tour. Select vendors and RRA horticulturists will create a wonderland of gifts, treats, and seasonal arrangements sure to delight everyone on your holiday gift lift. NEW THIS YEAR — we've added evening shopping hours! Bring a friend and join us for a holiday cocktail and additional shopping from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Tickets for Holiday House Tour are \$40 for RRA members (\$45 for non members). A special package that includes an elegant buffet luncheon at the beautiful Beacon Hill Club is \$70 for

Arboretum members (\$75 for non members). Don't want to drive? The Arboretum also offers a special Valet Package for \$175 which includes a pair of tickets, the luncheon, and a jitney that leaves from the Grand Summit Hotel and takes participants to each home on the tour. Reservations for the lunch and the valet packages are required. Want to tour with your posse? RRA is offering a special BFF Package that includes one tour ticket with lunch plus a tour survival kit swag bag (limited availability) for \$100. "Day of" sales will be for the tour only at \$50.

"Every year, the Holiday House Tour gets more exciting as more people turn out to see these beautiful homes," said Frank Juliano, Executive Director of Reeves-Reed Arboretum. "This year's event, especially with the extended hours to shop, promises to be one of the best ever with so many breathtaking homes, and even more beautiful gifts at the Holiday Boutique."

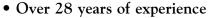
For tickets and information about the Holiday House Tour and especially other festive holiday events at the Arboretum, visit www.reeves-reedarboretum.org or call 908-273-8787 x 1010.



#### ATTORNEY SETTLES HOME EXPLOSION LITIGATION FOR \$975,000.00

Attorney David C. Bendush announced settlement of a lawsuit arising from a home explosion in Hunterdon County in September of 2014. The blast was caused by a contractor who was converting the home of his clients, from oil to natural gas. The clients were in the home with their infant daughter at the time of the explosion and fire. Davis Heating and Cooling was attempting without success to purge the new gas lines. Large amounts of natural gas were caused to accumulate inside the basement until the gas exploded, nearly levelling the structure and knocking the clients to the ground where they stood. Mr. Bendush litigated the liability issues aggressively, and attained the unusual result of summary judgment for plaintiff. The defense had little choice but to settle quickly and on favorable terms, in order to avoid a trial.

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The City of Summit presented a proclamation on November 14th to congratulate SAGE Eldercare for its Meals on Wheels 50th anniversary. SAGE serves about 44,000 meals to nearly 250 clients annually in 10 communities, including Summit.

The proclamation in part states, "...since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has been helping make this community an amazing place to age. Professional and highly trained staff provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help older adults lead the most independent and active lives possible. SAGE Eldercare continues to make a positive impact on the lives of the older adults in our community."

Mayor Nora Radest thanked SAGE for its services offered to the community and presented the proclamation to SAGE Executive Director Angela Sullivan. "We are proud to offer the Meals on Wheels program at SAGE and feel privileged to be able to provide this and many of our other services to the older adults in Summit," Sullivan said.

SAGE Eldercare began its Meals on Wheels in October 1966 with funding received from the Summit Junior League. Volunteers were recruited from various organizations such as the College Club, United Church Women, P.E.O., Red Cross, Women Pioneers of Bell Laboratories, and the Junior Fortnightly Club.

SAGE Eldercare is committed to being the leading provider of programs and services to meet the changing needs of older adults, their families, and caregivers throughout Union, Essex, Morris, and Somerset Counties. For more information, please call 908.273.5550 or visit www.sageeldercare.org.



(above, l-r) City of Summit Mayor Nora Radest presented SAGE Eldercare's Executive Director Angela Sullivan with a proclamation.



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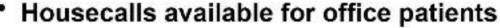
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While chatting with Santa, why not check out our one-of-a-kind holiday wreaths and table top decorations created by the Arboretum's gardeners and volunteers? You're sure to find that beautiful bough to grace your holiday door or mantle. And what a great opportunity to foster the holiday spirit and support the Arboretum at the same time!

Come to Reeves-Reed Arboretum, December 10, from 10 am to 2 pm, for Cookies & Cocoa with Santa. Happy Holidays!

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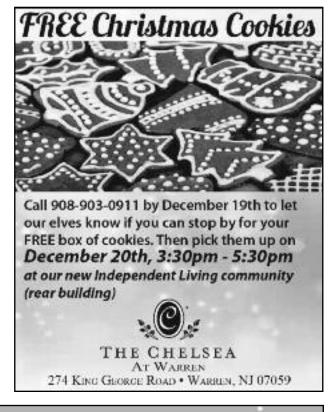
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## CITY OF SUMMIT OFFERS HOLIDAY PARKING INCENTIVES TO PROMOTE LOCAL BUSINESS

To help promote area businesses and encourage local shopping this holiday season, the City of Summit Parking Services Agency is announcing a number of parking modifications and incentives in the Central Retail Business District through the start of the new year.

At its November 1 meeting, Common Council approved the parking incentives that were requested by retail and business advocacy groups Summit Downtown, Inc. and the Suburban Chamber of Commerce, including:

From December 12 to December 24, 90-minute street meters in the center of downtown will be bagged, offering complimentary parking with a 90-minute time limit strictly enforced to encourage turnover and deter long-term parking.

Saturday, December 31 and Sunday, January 1, 2017 are designated as parking holidays in Summit with no fees required in lots or at meters.

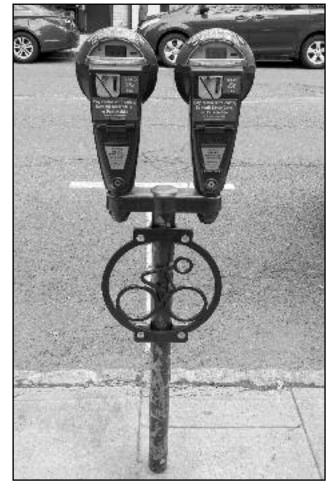
"It is a priority for the city to continue to do everything we can to support local businesses," explains Summit Common Council President

Mike McTernan. "The holiday season is an excellent time to implement parking incentives to encourage people to spend time and money in downtown Summit. These modifications by the Parking Services Agency will provide a needed boost for local merchants and enhance the experience of visiting our downtown."

Common Council also approved a resolution to establish 12 prepaid parking spaces for employees on the east end of Springfield Avenue between Glenwood Place and Hobart Road.

McTernan continues: "The hope is that by designating 12 additional employee spaces, it will discourage employees from parking at metered spots in the heart of the downtown where we want to encourage turnover and availability for people who are coming to shop, dine and enjoy Summit."

For more information on parking in Summit, please contact the Parking Services Agency at parking@cityofsummit.org or 908-522-5100.















#### **WARNING ABOUT NEW** PHONE/SOCIAL MEDIA SCAM

Summit Police Department Robert K. Weck, Chief of Police

During the course of the past several weeks, the Summit Police Department has been made aware that some residents are receiving threatening phone calls and text messages during which an unknown caller demands money in exchange for the protection of a family member from harm or public embarrassment.

During these phone calls and messages, residents have reported that the caller will claim that they are going to harm family members if large sums of money are not paid. The caller will also send pictures via social media message or text message of the family member or their house, claiming that they know the identity of the person and where they live. These pictures are being downloaded from Facebook accounts and other social media.

Others have reported that they received social media messages claiming that their reputation would be publicly ruined if they did not pay money.

The Police Department's investigation into these calls has determined that they are scams. Should residents receive any phone calls or messages of a similar nature, the Department is asking them to disconnect the call, ignore the messages, and to report the incident to the Police. The Department also reminds residents to ensure that social media accounts are secured with a strong password and that sensitive personal information is not posted publicly.

Please be sure to report all suspicious activity to the Summit Police Department by calling our Dispatch Center at 908-273-0051. In case of an emergency, please dial 9-1-1. More information about how to protect you and your family from scams and identity theft can be found online at www.cityofsummit.org and on the Department's social media accounts: Facebook/summitpd – Instagram @summit pd YouTube @CityofSummit

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#### "TOYS FOR TOTS" DRIVE ENDS DECEMBER 11TH

The City of Summit announced that the Summit YMCA (67 Maple Street) Summit Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association #54 (FMBA) and Policemen's Benevolent Association #55 (PBA) are partnering with the United States Marine Corps Reserve for the annual "Toys for Tots" holiday toy drive through December 11.

To participate, bring new and unwrapped toys

to the donation boxes at the following Summit locations during normal business hours between November 11 and December 11: Summit City Hall (512 Springfield Avenue) Summit Fire Department (396 Broad Street) Summit Post Office (61 Maple Street) Summit Community Center (100 Morris Ave.)

Starbucks (2 Beechwood Road)

Lakeland Bank (510 Morris Avenue) Peapack-Gladstone Bank (48 Deforest Avenue)

The FMBA and PBA will drop off donated toys to the Marine Corps Reserve on December 12. The toys collected through this program are distributed to children throughout Union County and the surrounding area. In 2015, the Toys for Tots program collected and distributed 18 million toys to seven million deserving children in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands.

For more information about the Toys for Tots Foundation, visit toysfortots.org or contact Fire Department Battalion Chief Paul Imbimbo at 908-277-1003 or Police Detective Sergeant Rick Proctor at 908-273-5871.

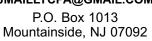








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Sunday, December 11, 2016, 2:00 pm by Purcell, Telemann, and Mozart, as well as a medley of winter/holiday music.

#### **Mondays at the Movies showings**

at 12:30 PM and 6:30 PM

#### **Nate Foster**

Monday, December 12

[drama/thriller] a young, idealistic FBI agent, goes undercover to take down a radical right-wing terrorist group. The bright up-and-coming analyst must confront the challenge of sticking to a new identity while maintaining his real principles as he navigates the dangerous underworld of white supremacy. Inspired by real events. Starring Daniel Radcliffe, Toni Collette, Tracy Letts, with Nestor Carbonell, Burn Gorman and Sam Trammell Rated R. 108 minutes.

#### An epic animated action-adventure set in a fantastical Japan.

Monday, December 19

[animated fantasy/adventure]

Clever, kindhearted Kubo ekes out a humble living, telling stories to the people of his seaside town, but his relatively quiet existence is shattered when he accidentally summons a spirit from his past which storms down from the heavens to enforce an age-old vendetta.

Now on the run,he joins forces with Monkey and Beetle, and sets out on a thrilling quest to save his family and solve the mystery of his fallen father, the greatest samurai warrior the world has ever known. With the help of his shamisen - a magical musical instrument - he must battle gods and monsters to unlock the secret of his legacy, reunite his family, and fulfill his heroic destiny. Rated PG. 101 minutes.

#### Film: Men Go to Battle

Friday, December 9, 12:30 PM

Most Americans predict that the Civil War will end by Christmas, but Henry (Tim Morton) and Francis Mellon (David Maloney) couldn't care less. Bracing for another winter on their struggling farm in rural Kentucky, the brothers have become suffocatingly close. Francis' practical jokes become more and more aggressive until the night he accidentally injures Henry in a drunken fight. After humiliating himself in front of a daughter (Rachel Korine) of the town's preeminent family, Henry disappears in the night. Months later, Francis learns that Henry has joined the Union army, and the two are left to find out separately what the approaching war will bring. Not Rated. In English. 98 minutes.

#### **Brown Bag Book Group**

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Wednesday evening, visit the "Carter House by Candlelight" to enjoy wine and cheese as you shop at your leisure. On Thursday, hot cider and cookies will be served for your shopping pleasure. The Summit Historical Society will be continuing its tradition of selling homemade cookies packaged for holiday gift giving.

The Holiday Boutique will take place at The Carter House, home of the Historical Society, 90 Butler Parkway, Summit. Admission is free and all are welcome. It will be a delightful way to shop for the holidays.

# CDC THEATRE ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR NOEL COWARD'S BLITHE SPIRIT

CDC Theatre, New Jersey's oldest continuously operating community theatre will hold auditions for Noel Coward's Blithe Spirit on December 12 and 13 at 7pm. All auditions and rehearsals will take place at the theatre's home at 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, NJ. The production is scheduled for February 10, 11,16,17,18, 2017.

Winner of the 2009 Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Revival, the smash comedy hit of the London and Broadway stages, this much-revived classic from the playwright of Private Lives offers up fussy, cantankerous novelist Charles Condomine, re-married but haunted (literally) by the ghost of his late first wife, the clever and insistent Elvira who is called up by a visiting "happy medium", one Madame Arcati. As the (worldly and un-) personalities clash, Charles' current wife Ruth is accidentally killed, "passes over", joins Elvira and the two "blithe spirits" haunt the hapless Charles into perpetuity.

Additional information can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org. Funding has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Dept. of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs.

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#### MICHAEL F. ROGERS RECEIVES OUTSTANDING MANAGER AWARD

he City of Summit recently announced the New Jersey Municipal Managers Association has awarded City Administrator Michael F. Rogers with the 2016 Outstanding Managers Award.

Rogers accepted the award on November 16th during the Municipal Managers luncheon held at the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey for his work to alleviate a long-term parking overcapacity problem in Summit through a ridesharing initiative with Uber. The pilot program is the first of its kind in the nation for residential commuters.

"We are thrilled that Michael has been recognized for his innovative approach and unique solution to help ease parking congestion in our downtown," explains Summit Mayor Nora Radest. "It is a well-thought-out public/private partnership that we envision being shared with other municipalities to save public money in the long term. I am thankful to the Municipal Managers Association for acknowledging Michael's forward vision and strategic insight."

Rogers has been serving as City Administrator in Summit since September 2015.



(above) City Administrator Michael F. Rogers with the 2016 Outstanding Managers Award.



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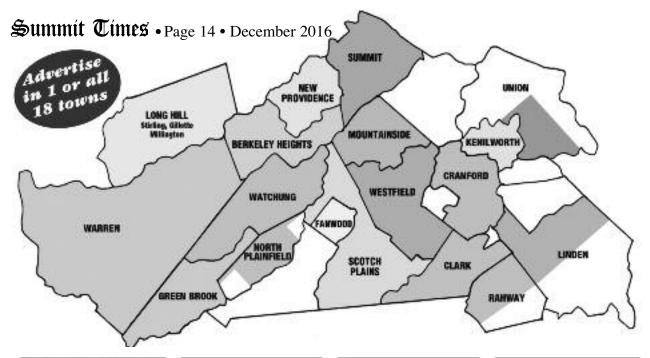
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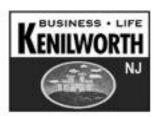
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