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KARI PHAIR AWARDED 2016 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD The Junior League of Summit (JLS) proudly

The Junior League of Summit (JLS) proudly presented this year's Jean Hudson Gano Community Service Award to Kari Phair of Summit. This award is given annually to recognize outstanding contributions to the community by either an individual or a nonprofit organization. Through this award, the JLS honors Jean Hudson Gano, a JLS member, mother of three, and outstanding community volunteer who died of breast cancer in May of 1997 at 41 years of age.

Kari, a distinguished EMT, has been with the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad (SVFAS) for 25 years and has held multiple positions within the organization. She is currently Chief of Operations, a position she has held for more than 14 years. While a typical volunteer donates upwards of 600 hours of service per year, Kari dedicates well over 900 hours to the squad in addition to volunteering her time elsewhere in the community. She also proudly serves as a Special Olympics Volunteer, caring for special needs children; an EMS State Task Force member; a Union County Office of Emergency Medical Services Coordinator; a Union County Superior Court Mental Health Committee Member; a Summit Area Chapter of American Red Cross Board Member; a Central Jersey Technical Rescue Team Member; and a YMCA Board Member. Kari clearly exhibits an exemplary and extraordinary commitment to volunteerism, community service and particularly to issues regarding women and children just like Jean Hudson Gano, for which this Award was named. Congratulations and thank you Kari! The Junior League of Summit is currently accepting



(above l-r) Michelle DeMuth, JLS President; Kari Phair; Erika Melchiorre, Administrative VP

nominations for the 2017 Jean Hudson Gano award. If you know someone who's exceptional contributions to our community deserve to be recognized, please contact our office at ilsofficemanager@gmail.com.

The Junior League of Summit is a nonprofit, charitable and educational organization of women who are committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. For more information about the Junior League of Summit or to inquire about membership, please visit the website at www.jlsummit.org or contact the office at 908-273-7349.

SUMMIT LOOKING TO RESOLVE SANITARY SEWER ISSUES

The City of Summit has been experiencing blockage issues with its sanitary sewer system caused by the flushing of adult and baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, and improper disposal of cooking oils.

Although these items are often labeled as biodegradable, when flushed, wipes and feminine products can create massive blockages in the sewer system and potentially cause problems for homeowners. The City asks residents to please

dispose of these products in the trash rather than the toilet. When cooking oil is disposed in the sewer system, it can clog pipes and eventually pollute local waterways. Please avoid disposing cooking oil in the kitchen sink. Allow it to cool and add it to household garbage.

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VFW PATRIOT PEN YOUTH ESSAY COMPETITION

Three Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle Kalro, and Hadley Wimsatt. School eighth grade students were awarded prizes for their essay submissions in the annual VFW Patriot Pen youth essay competition. The Patriot Pen is conducted nationwide and gives students an opportunity to express their views on an annual patriotic theme.

LCJSMS has participated in the contest for many years, routinely producing winning essays. This year's winners are Thomas Henry, Gia

They responded to the theme of "The America I Believe In." Mr. Frank Perlzak and Mr. Steve Falk, members of the Berkeley Heights VFW Post 6259, presented the students with their certificates and prizes.

Special thanks to LCJSMS teachers Neal Sharma, Gary Burns, and Grace Buonpane, who organize the essay contest in their classes each year.

Photo by Summit Public Schools.



SAVE THE DATES: SUMMIT FREE MARKET, EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP, AND ARBOR DAY

The City of Summit is announcing the dates for three annual spring events: the Summit Free Market, Earth Day Clean-Up, and Arbor Day.

The Summit Free Market will be held on Saturdays April 29 and May 6 at the City of Summit Transfer Station, 40 New Providence Avenue. Residents can bring yard sale-quality items to share with others, and take whatever they want for free.

For more information on the Summit Free Market please visit cityofsummit.org. The City of Summit's 11th annual Earth Day Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23. Members of the community, individuals and groups, are encouraged to participate and help improve Summit's parks and open spaces.

For more information about this year's Earth Day Clean-Up please email beth.t.lovejoy@gmail.com.

An Arbor Day celebration is planned for Friday, April 28 at Brayton Elementary School. More information on the event will be posted to cityofsummit.org once it becomes available.



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SUMMIT ACTIVIST TO BE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Dr. Betty Livingston Adams will present "Black Women's Christian Activism: Seeking Social Justice in a Northern Suburb" at 2 pm on Sunday, March 19, at Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, 888 Stuyvesant Avenue, Union. The event will be hosted by the Union Township Historical Society. This is a free event and is opened to the public. No registration is required.

Dr. Adams' talk will be based on her book of the same title. One of the women featured in the book is Violet Johnson, a domestic servant, who moved to Summit, in 1897. She was one of less than 100 black residents in a town of 6,000. Summit was then a liberal Protestant community, yet observed some race and class barriers. But Violet didn't accept the status quo. She established Fountain Baptist Church in 1898—"a seemingly moderate act" that affected more that religious services. Miss Johnson challenged thinking on gender and race and worked for an equal place for African Americans in the U.S. She was only one of many working-class activists integral to the birth of the civil rights movement.

Dr. Adams said Miss Johnson and her colleagues used their religious convictions to work for social change and helped turn New Jersey's women's suffrage movement into a "multiracial, cross-class movement" and started a statewide women's Republican club.

Dr. Adams holds a Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale University and a Master of Divinity degree from Drew University. She researched 19th-and 20th-century African American/American religious and social history from gender, race, and class perspectives. She received a post-doctoral fellowship at Rutgers

University and a Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowship. Dr. Adams was a Global Scholar at the Rutgers Institute for Research on Women and a Fellow at the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis. She serves as an Associate Minister and on the Board of Drew University's Theological School Alumni Association.



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VARSITY PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE: 5th Tim Ritter and Kelsey Kennedy JUNIOR VARSITY PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE: 4th Angela Li and Abby Brandt; 6th Michael Greenstein and Jade Gala NOVICE PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE: 1st Carly Noble and Yulia Kuzniar **DECLAMATION:** 2nd Adrian Gomes

With over 80 students competing at the DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION: 1st Keegan McManus,

> 2nd Kimberly Lee, 3rd Hope Kovera,

4th Matt Wilson,

5th Zack Olson,

6th Stefania Valera

DUO INTERPRETATION:

1st Zack Olson and Erin Manion. 2nd Matt Wilson and Anne Borzner, 3rd Cooper Daley and Harry Saroff,

4th Hope Kovera and Grace Milsten, 5th Annika Carlson and Alexa Carlson

MPROMPTU SPEAKING:

5th Ryan Colon, 6th Surina Gupta HUMOROUS INTERPRETATION: ORIGINAL ORATORY:

1st Annika Carlson, 2nd Cate Esposito, 3rd James Badenhausen,

5th JJ Stewart,

6th Bella Anidjar

IORAL INTERPRETATION:

1st Alexa Carlson,

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8th Elizabeth Maloney

PROGRAM ORAL INTERPRETATION:

1st Grace Milsten,

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3rd Ben Schachter,

4th Sophie Reitz-Bouren,

5th Claire Goudreau

NOVICE CONGRESS:

3rd Grace Weinberg.





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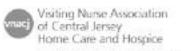
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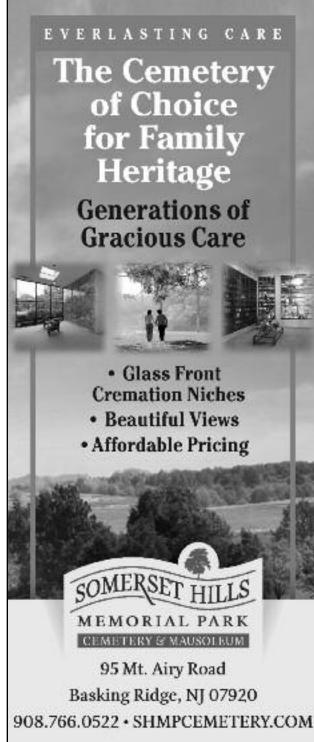
at City Hall. The meeting, which brings together all of the Department's sworn and civilian personnel for a review of the agency's public safety efforts, included remarks from City Mayor Nora Radest, City Administrator Michael • Officer Rodney Watson Rodgers, and Councilwoman Mary Ogden.

During the meeting, Chief of Police Robert K. Weck, also took time to recognize Officers in the Department for meritorious and distinguished actions taken during the course of their duties. .Ten officers from the department were awarded recognition for meritorious service. Dispatchers



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The Summit Police Department held its annual from the Mountain Valley Emergency • Officer John Brunetto Departmental Meeting on Tuesday, January 31, Communications Center were also recognized. The following Officers were awarded Departmental commendations:

- Detective Sergeant Richard Proctor
 - Chief's Special Recognition Award
- Distinguished Service Award
- Officer Brian Werthman
- Distinguished Service Award
- Officer Paulo Santos
- Distinguished Service Award
- Officer Kathleen Maggiulli
- Distinguished Service Award
- · Officer Jonathan Garcia
- Distinguished Service Award
- Officer Christopher Medina
- Distinguished Service Award
- Officer Gerald McDermott
 - Distinguished Service Award

- Meritorious Service Award
- Officer Matthew Tarentino
 - Chief's Special Recognition Award

Chief Weck also award the Department's Unit Citation to the following Dispatchers from the Mountain Valley Communication Emergency Communication Center: Jackie Benkovich, Dave Geraghty, Nikki Griffiths, Sarah Nasto

"I am very proud of all of our personnel, both sworn and civilian," said Chief Weck. "The members of our agency and the MVECC who received recognition for their work reflect the high level of professionalism and expertise which all of our Officers demonstrate on a daily basis as part of the ongoing mission to provide the finest law enforcement services to our City. 2016 was an outstanding year for our Department and I'm looking forward to building upon our success in 2017."



(above l-r) Officer Jonathan Garcia, Det. Christopher Medina, Officer Matt Tarentino, Officer Rodney Watson, Det./Sgt. Rick Proctor, Officer John Brunetto, Officer Gerry McDermott, Officer Paulo Santos, Officer Brian Werthmann





SUMMIT POLICE TO OFFER 'SUMMIT SAFE SENIORS' PROGRAM AT SAGE ELDERCARE

The Summit Police department will offer its "Summit Safe Seniors" program at SAGE Eldercare, 290 Broad Street, Summit, on March 15, 1 - 2 pm.

Presented by Officer Matt Tarentino, the program will offer insight into telephone and Internet scams, identity theft, being safe at home, and other important safety tips. Older adults and caregivers are welcome to attend the free program.

"The Summit Safe Seniors program strives to help some of our most treasured residents, our senior citizens, and their caregivers, in a fun, interactive way," Tarentino said. "We want to help people understand the facts surrounding scams, fraud, and identity theft that they may see on the news, and give them the most up-to-date tools and knowledge needed so they and their family members can avoid falling victim."

For more information or to register for the program, please call: 908.598.5548 or email: education@sageeldercare.org.



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Also, on April 6th the Summit Step Team will be performing at 5:30 pm in the Prudential Center for the Devils vs. Penguins game. Go Genesis!





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with humans. This opened up a great dialogue amongst the students and teacher, and the reaction from the high school students was so positive that many wished to have Lulu stay as a therapy dog! Kern and Lulu are affiliated with The Seeing Eye in Morristown.

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LCJSMS SPRING MUSICAL

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A chorus of chefs (performed by puppeteers L to R Summer Cullen, Tom McKay, Charlotte Girouard, Ian Ritter, Narayan Murti), sing and dance in preparation for the Spring musical, performed by a cast of 40, a crew of over 100, and full orchestra.

Tickets will go on sale mid-March. Info about ticket sales will be posted on the Summit Public

Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world Schools website and social media page @SummitSchoolDistrict.

> Directed by Drama Director Ron Wells, the delicious adventures experienced by Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory light up the stage in this captivating adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantastical tale. Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder and new songs by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley, Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka is a scrumdidilyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth.



FREE TUTORING RETURNS TO THE DCP

again be able to take advantage of free tutoring as part of the DCP's Share the Fun Club. This tutoring is made possible by the Junior League of Summit.

The Share the Fun Club is a free after-school program which meets daily from 3:00 – 4:30 pm at the Summit Community Center, 100 Morris Avenue. Throughout the academic school year, club members participate in sports & games, arts & crafts projects and more.

Members of this program have previously enjoyed homework help thanks to several student volunteers from Seton Hall University and the DCP is proud to bring tutoring back!

Free tutoring help will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the Share The Fun Club hours. Interested students must register with the Share the Fun program by calling 908-

Summit students in grades 3 – 8 will once 277-2932 or visiting the Summit Community Center. Once they are registered, students simply sign in at the tutoring room and a tutor will be there to assist.







5TH ANNUAL BLANKETS FOR BABIES DAY

hosted their 5th annual Blankets for Babies Day. The event was attended by more than 150 student and adult volunteers, and over 275 blankets were completed. Blankets for Babies is a day of cutting, pinning and sewing to produce wonderfully cozy fleece baby blankets that are included layettes. The Christ Child Society of Summit provides layettes to local hospitals to be distributed to newborns in need.

This year's goal is to provide 350 layettes to the free pediatric clinics of the area hospitals, with a blanket in each.

To date the Christ Child Society in Summit has provided layettes to over 1,500 newborn babies in our community. The layettes are packed full with necessary items to get a newborn started in life, and include onesies, pajamas, outfits, hand knit sweaters & hats, receiving blankets, and a handmade fleece blanket. The Blankets for Babies project is made possible by a very generous grant from the Summit Elks Lodge #1246.

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(above l-r) Summit Mayor Nora Radest, Christ organization dedicated to serving at risk children Child Society President Margaret Strong, and NJ in our community. The Christ Child Society of Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz stoped in to help out at the 5th annual Blankets for Babies Day.

"TASTE OF SUMMIT" **MARCH 26TH**

On Sunday evening, March 26, 2017, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm come dine and socialize with your family, friends and neighbors at the 30th Annual "Taste of Summit" hosted by the Grand Summit Hotel located at 570 Springfield Avenue in Summit. The "Taste of Summit" is a gourmet extravaganza featuring more than 20 of Summit's finest restaurants and food merchants. Each restaurant will be serving delicious "tastes" showcasing their special dishes spanning many cuisines, including Italian, Japanese, American and Mexican. There will also be scrumptious desserts from Summit's finest bakers and a cash bar.

A very special chef from YouTube's "Cooking with Nonna" fame, Rossella Rago, will be joining us at the Taste this year.

During the Taste of Summit, we will draw the winning raffle ticket for a Private Craft Beer Dinner for the winner and 19 guests. The craft beers will be supplied by NJ's Kane Brewery and the food will be catered by chefs from the Grand Summit Hotel's HAT Tavern. The \$10 raffle tickets are now on sale at the Carter House located at 90 Butler Parkway in Summit (Tuesdays 9am to noon and Wednesdays 1pm to 4pm) or at the HAT Tavern (Monday to Sunday 11:30am to midnight). There are only 600 tickets for sale and they are going quickly – so buy one soon!

The Taste of Summit is the key fundraiser for the Summit Historical Society, an all-volunteer not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of Summit through the Carter House Museum and its archives.

Tickets for the Taste of Summit are on sale now; priced at \$50 per adult and \$20 per child (ages 6 through 12). To ensure a place at the table, please call 908-277-1747 or send a check payable to The Summit Historical Society, PO Box 464, Summit, NJ 07902-0464. Tickets for the event will also be sold at the door.

For more information about the Taste of Summit, please visit us on the web at www.summithistoricalsociety.org

or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ summithistorical society.

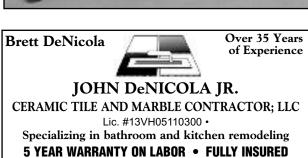
You can also contact us via email at summithistoricalsociety@gmail.com or by telephone at 908-277-1747. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Taste of Summit!

BRAYTON STUDENT CITIZENS

The recent "Citizens of the Month" at Brayton Elementary School were the classes of Rob Gannon and Matthew Stanbro. These 2nd and 4th grade students joined together to make a difference in the lives of others, who make a difference in our community on a daily basis! They had first hosted a Summit Pride Day, at which time students showed off their love and

spirit for their hometown by wearing Summit gear and apparel. The students were allowed to donate \$1, and the money raised was used to buy members of the Summit Fire Department and Summit Police Department a full lunch and dessert in February, as a sign of appreciation for their service to the whole community.

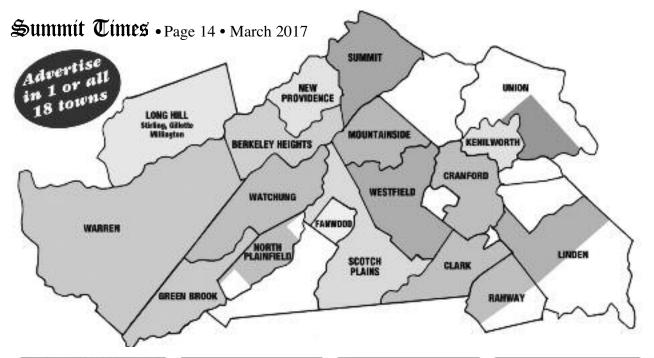












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Sunday, March 12

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Tuesday, March 14

"The Snakes" at Bridgewater "Bloody Callan" at Gillette Two Seatings Available: 5:45 & 7:15 pm



Thursday, March 16

"Round The House" at Bridgewater "Lagans Love" at Gillette Two Seatings Available: 5:45 & 7:15 pm



ST. PATRICK'S DAY Friday, March 17

"Hooley Shooters" at Bridgewater 12-3 pm "Courtney Colletti" at Bridgewater 5-9 pm "Lagans Love" at Gillette

Performance Times: 12-3 pm & 5-9 pm

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The 2017 season with the Summit Municipal Golf Course is just around the corner. New and returning members can now look forward to Opening Day 2017, set for Saturday, April 1.

Summit's Municipal Golf Course, better known as the Muni, is located at 189 River Road. This Par 3, 9-hole executive course was designed by renowned golf architect, Hal Purdy and covers 13 acres of land that was once a private estate.

Both residents and non-residents are welcome to join. Summit resident memberships begin at just \$40 for the season for Juniors and Seniors and all other Summit Adults (18-61) are \$50 for the season. Non-resident memberships are \$115 for the season. The 2017 season is expected to run through November, weather permitting.

Instructional clinics and camps for youth and adults will begin the week of April 10. All upcoming 2017 tournaments are TBA.

More information about the Summit Muni can be found at summitcommunityprograms.com. Registration is available online with Community Pass. For registration assistance, contact the Summit DCP at 908-277-2932.

Summit Community Programs strives to provide recreational and other related programs and services to meet the community's needs, with a special consideration for seniors and youth.











The Consortium of Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Millburn, New Providence, and Summit School Districts invite you to attend:

Parent Wellness Series:

DANGER IN YOUR **MEDICINE CABINET:** WHAT EVERY PARENT **NEEDS TO KNOW**

Please come out to see a screening of excerpts from the documentary, "Chasing the Dragon" followed by a presentation of the video "Moms Know

Best: A Crucial Message for Parents" A panel discussion with experts in the field of addiction will follow the video presentations

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 7:00pm

New Providence High School Auditorium

Parents will have the opportunity to watch a video presentation spotlighting the rapid and dangerous path of addiction followed by a panel discussion with experts in the field. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about what to look for with respect to their children, as well as the dangers surrounding current drug trends with a specific focus on prescription medications and heroin.

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