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A SECRET GARDEN GROWS IN HIGH SCHOOL COURTYARD

The Summit Conservancy

The Summit Conservancy is proud to announce the opening of the Secret Garden at Summit High School, an innovative educational and environmental project that will transform an underused interior courtyard into a thriving green space for learning, sustainability, and community service.

Visible from many classrooms throughout the school, the Secret Garden will provide students with hands-on opportunities to grow vegetables and flowers while deepening their understanding of biology, environmental science, ecology, and sustainable agriculture. The garden will serve as an outdoor classroom where students can observe nature firsthand and develop a stronger connection to the environment.

The project was conceived by MaKenna Landry, a Biology and AP Environmental Science educator at Summit High School, who will oversee the garden's management and educational programming. The initiative has received the approval of the Summit Board of Education and is being fully funded by the Summit Conservancy.

In addition to its educational mission, the Secret Garden

will benefit the broader Summit community. A portion of the vegetables grown by students will be donated to a local food bank, helping provide fresh produce to local residents in need.

"The Secret Garden is exactly the kind of project the Summit Conservancy was created to support," said David Naidu, President of the Summit Conservancy. "It combines environmental stewardship, education, community engagement, and service in a way that will benefit Summit students and residents for years to come."

The Secret Garden joins a growing list of successful Summit Conservancy projects that are enhancing sustainability and quality of life throughout the city. The new Bike Depot near the Summit train station is already filling with commuters' bicycles, providing a convenient and environmentally friendly transportation option. The Tiny Forest near the Recreation Center is growing at an astonishing rate, creating valuable habitat for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife. Meanwhile, the Summit Freemarket - the first of its kind in New Jersey - has become enormously popular with residents, encouraging reuse, reducing waste, and strengthening community connections.



(above) MaKenna Landry, SC Board Members, and students

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The Summit Educational Foundation
The Summit Educational Foundation is pleased to honor Meghan Arts-Scozzari, Sculpture and Ceramics teacher at Summit High School, as the 2026 recipient of SEF's Nora Radest Award for Excellence in Education. Ms. Arts-Scozzari received a special certificate, \$500 from SEF and her name will join the list of previous Nora Radest Award recipients on SEF's website.

In 2013, SEF established the Nora Radest Award for Excellence in Education to honor Nora Radest, a former mayor of Summit and past SEF President and board member, whose vision for and dedication to SEF spanned many years. Each year, the award is given to a teacher or administrator who has submitted grants through the SEF process and, in so doing, has greatly enriched the classroom environment and served as a role model to others in the district.

Meghan has been teaching Sculpture and Ceramics at Summit High School since 2012. During that time, she has helped grow the 3D art program to include Sculpture/Ceramics 2, Advanced Ceramics, and AP 3D Studio Art.

Through the SEF grant process, Meghan has continually sought ways to provide students with more advanced, hands-on, and authentic experiences in the ceramic arts. Her grants have supported Raku workshops, introducing students to an ancient Japanese ceramic firing technique through demonstration and practice; Advancer kiln shelves, which improve safety, reliability, and the quality of student work; and most recently, a new Bailey Thermal Logic kiln,

providing safer, more precise, professional-level equipment for the SHS ceramics studio.

Taken together, these grants reflect exactly what SEF seeks to support: teacher-driven ideas that expand what is possible for students. Meghan's vision and initiative have strengthened the ceramics program at Summit High School and created meaningful new opportunities for students to explore, create, and grow as artists.

SEF congratulates Meghan on this achievement and thanks her for all that she does to enhance the learning experiences of students at Summit High School.



(above) SEF is pleased to honor Meghan Arts-Scozzari (pictured center), Sculpture and Ceramics teacher at Summit High School, as the 2026 recipient of SEF's Nora Radest Award for Excellence in Education.

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THE SUMMER SIDEWALK SALE IS BACK AFTER MORE THAN A DECADE

Shoppers, get ready to stroll and save. Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) is thrilled to announce the return of the Summit Summer Sidewalk Sale, reviving a beloved community tradition for the first time in over a decade. The highly anticipated three-day shopping event will take place from Thursday, August 27 through Saturday, August 29, 2026, running from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day.

Downtown Summit retailers will offer sidewalk sales featuring end-of-summer discounts, special promotions, and new merchandise. Shoppers can browse deals outside participating stores and continue shopping inside for additional savings and promotions. "We are incredibly excited to bring back the Summer Sidewalk Sale," said Nancy Adams, Executive Director of Summit Downtown, Inc. "For many, this event is a nostalgic part of our downtown's history. Reviving it after more than a decade is a wonderful way to celebrate our vibrant retail community, support our local businesses, and offer residents and visitors a great weekend of shopping."

To ensure smooth traffic flow and accessibility throughout the downtown district, no streets will be closed for the event. Shoppers are encouraged to explore the entire downtown to discover sales from a wide variety of participating boutiques, specialty shops, and local favorites. Standard parking rates and regulations will remain in effect in all municipal lots and garages during the three-day event.

For more information about the Summit Summer Sidewalk Sale and a growing list of participating retailers, please visit SummitDowntown.org or follow @SummitDowntown on all social channels.

ABOUT SUMMIT DOWNTOWN, INC.

Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and

supporting Summit's vibrant downtown community. Through events, marketing, and partnership with local businesses, SDI works to make Summit a welcoming destination for shopping, dining, and community experiences. For more information on all upcoming events, visit SummitDowntown.org, or follow @SummitDowntown on social media



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT TO BE HELD AUGUST 4

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Summit will join thousands of communities around the United States to celebrate National Night Out, a community-building event that takes place annually on the first Tuesday of August. Featuring a variety of state, federal, and municipal level agencies, National Night Out provides a chance for community members to come together with law enforcement individuals. Food trucks, bounce houses, and other amusements will open at 6 p.m. along with a musical performance on the main stage.

The Blessing of the Badges at 7 p.m. followed by The Divas in concert at 7:15 p.m.

Free hot dogs will be provided at the Summit PAL food cart. All funds raised at the dunk tank, featuring police officers and firefighters, will be donated to a local family in need.

This year's Fourth of July fireworks have been rescheduled to take place at approximately 8:45 p.m.

The walking track, playground, tennis courts, and lower fields at Memorial Field will close at 1 p.m. to prepare for the fireworks display. Roads adjacent to the field will close to vehicle traffic at 5 p.m. The parking lot on Ashland Road next to the Memorial Field tennis courts will be closed all day on August 4. Handicapped parking will be available at the intersection of Watchung Place and Tulip Street.

Summit's 2026 National Night Out is sponsored by the Summit Police Athletic League and Overlook Medical Center; the fireworks display is sponsored by Bristol Myers Squibb.

For info contact the Summit Department of Community Programs at 908-277-2932, or visit summitcommunityprograms.com. For more info on National Night Out, visit natw.org.



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GRACE SQUARE FOOT GARDEN PROGRAM EXPANSION

Junior League of Summit

Reeves-Reed Arboretum has received a \$3,970 grant from the Junior League of Summit to expand the Square Foot Garden initiative at



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GRACE, a Summit-based nonprofit serving individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.

The Square Foot Garden program is a collaborative effort between Reeves-Reed Arboretum and GRACE, combining food production, community volunteerism, and gardening education to support local families in need. The grant will help double the number of vegetables grown in the garden, increasing access to fresh, nutritious produce while expanding educational opportunities for participants.

"We are deeply grateful to the Junior League of Summit for supporting this important initiative," said Althea Llewellyn, Reeves-Reed Arboretum's Director of Education. "The Square Foot Garden program provides fresh produce to local families while teaching community members practical gardening skills they can use at home."

Funding from the grant will support the expansion of garden production and educational programming at the GRACE garden site. Project objectives include:

- Cleaning and preparing two additional square foot garden beds with the help of local Summit elementary school scouts, parents, and community volunteers.
- Planting and harvesting multiple crops throughout the growing season, including tomatoes, radishes, garlic, lettuce, cilantro, herbs, and other fast-growing vegetables.
- Conducting 16 educational workshops, each approximately 15 minutes in length, focused on teaching participants how to grow vegetables from seedlings at home.
- Providing free vegetable seedlings to workshop participants interested in starting their own gardens.

Based on projected garden yields and produce donations, Reeves-Reed Arboretum estimates that between 1,000 and 1,500 individuals will benefit from fresh vegetables and herbs harvested through the program. Beyond providing nutritious food, the initiative encourages self-sufficiency by teaching participants how to grow

vegetables at home while fostering healthy eating habits and greater awareness of sustainable food systems.

The project also engages local volunteers, including youth and families, in meaningful community service while building stronger community connections and increasing awareness of local food insecurity.

Through partnerships such as this, Reeves-Reed Arboretum continues to connect people with nature while strengthening community food access, environmental stewardship, and hands-on learning opportunities for residents of all ages.

ABOUT REEVES-REED ARBORETUM

Reeves-Reed Arboretum is a nonprofit public arboretum and historic garden in Summit, New Jersey, dedicated to fostering connections between people and nature through environmental stewardship, education, horticulture, and community engagement. Listed on the National and New Jersey Registers of Historic Places, the Arboretum serves as a vibrant community resource, welcoming visitors year-round to explore its gardens, woodlands, educational programs, exhibitions, and events. Visit reeves-reedarboretum.org for more information.

ABOUT GRACE

GRACE (Giving and Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials) is a Summit-based nonprofit organization dedicated to providing food, emergency assistance, and supportive services to individuals and families facing financial hardship. Through its food pantry and community programs, GRACE helps address food insecurity and other essential needs for local vulnerable and underserved neighbors. Visit gracegivingreceiving.org for more information.

ABOUT JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT

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Each Veteran Welcome Home Kit costs approximately \$1,800 and is purchased through fundraising events, donations, and grants from the Elks National Foundation. They are given to the veteran free of charge.

Nationwide, an estimated 40,000 veterans experience homelessness on any given night. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Elks National Veterans Service Commission has pledged to help end veteran homelessness by ensuring veterans have access to safe, stable housing.

Here in New Jersey, dozens of Veteran Welcome Home Kits have been delivered since the beginning of the year. And year round, Elks volunteers provide direct services to more than 1,000 veterans at VA facilities across the state and continue to connect with veterans and active military members in their local communities, offering assistance wherever it is needed.

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(above) Members of the Elks - turning empty rooms into a home.

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GLP-1 FAILED THIS NEW PROVIDENCE MOM...BUT THEN SHE DROPPED 80 POUNDS AND RAN HER FIRST 5K.

There's something nobody tells you when you start GLP-1. The medication can help you eat less. It can move the scale. For a lot of people, it's a genuine tool that opens a door that felt permanently closed.

But it can also quietly take something you can't afford to lose. Research shows that for many people, 25 to 40 percent of the weight lost on a GLP-1 isn't fat at all — it's muscle. The very tissue that keeps you strong, steady on your feet, and independent as you age.

So here's what Cristina Montero learned the hard way: The medication is not the transformation. It's just the beginning of one — if you do the other parts right.

Cristina is 52, a mom from New Providence, and she's down nearly 80 pounds. Her inflammation markers (the culprit for almost every disease) are finally normal. She runs, carries five-gallon water jugs up the stairs and crossed the finish line of her first 5K without walking a single step.

But she'll be the first to tell you: the shot alone didn't do that. This is her story... and if you're over 40 and currently taking GLP-1, or thinking about it, it may be the most important thing you read this year.

GLP-1 WASN'T ENOUGH ON ITS OWN

Before she started this journey, Cristina was ashamed... and she hid under her clothes.

"I knew how I felt and looked was my fault but I needed help," she said. "I always had an excuse for why I couldn't walk, exercise, or take the stairs. I felt tired and achy often. My doctors would tell me to lose weight and I'd say sure, I'm trying — but never really started. I functioned, yes. But I never realized how much my body missed feeling really great."

The frustrations ran deep. Looking in the mirror and hating how her clothes fit. Her chest size felt unmanageable, leading to upper back pain every single day. After gaining close to 100 pounds during her son's pregnancy, her health had taken a serious turn — arthritis in her knees, autoimmune issues, hypertension, and chronic inflammation that no medication seemed to touch.

"My energy — well, if I was in the middle of the mall and they only had stairs, I'd look for an elevator or just sit and wait," she said. "I was so out of shape for the last 25 years. Always tired, almost every morning waking up with a new pain."

There were moments that were quietly humiliating — the ones she didn't talk about much. If something fell on the floor, she had to ask her kids or husband to pick it up because kneeling caused excruciating knee pain. There were times her back spasms were so severe she got stuck on the floor.

She tried everything. The 3-day tuna diet. Nutrisystem. A staple in her ear. Atkins. Weight Watchers. Paleo. Gluten-free. 21 Day Fix. Factor. Orangetheory. Private trainers. Get In Shape Women. Zumba. Some of them worked temporarily. None of them lasted.

"I was successful in some of them but it never lasted," she said. "I'd start to lose a little weight, then go back to normal habits — and always gain it back and more."

Then came GLP-1.

The first time she tried it, she thought the injection alone would do the work. No meaningful diet changes. No exercise. Just the medication.

"That failed miserably," she said plainly. "Injecting and continuing to eat normal junk didn't move the scale like I expected. It only made me feel sick."

She stopped GLP-1. A few months later she tried again... this time with a completely different mindset. This time, she was mentally ready to include something she'd always avoided: A fitness program with people that knew what they heck they were doing.

THE CONVERSATION THAT CHANGED THE PLAN

Cristina's son, Andres, had been talking to her for years about what lasting change actually requires. When Cristina restarted her GLP-1 journey he helped her understand something that most people on the medication never hear: the drug can reduce your appetite and help with weight loss, but without weight training, a significant portion of what you lose won't be fat — it'll be muscle. As much as 25 to 40 percent of it, according to the research.

And muscle isn't just about looking toned. It's the tissue that protects your bones, keeps you strong, and decides whether the next twenty years of your life are spent independent or needing help. Lose muscle and everything gets harder. Your metabolism slows. You feel weak.

"My son opened my eyes to incorporate weight training and cardio," she said. "That was the piece I'd always been missing."

NOT THIS



THIS



That's when she walked into Gabriele Fitness, a small personal training gym in Berkeley Heights that had a 19 year stellar reputation for helping adults over 40 get in the best shape of their lives. As trainers that always stay on the cutting edge... they knew exactly how to help someone taking GLP-1 maximize their results.

WALKING INTO GABRIELE FITNESS FOR THE FIRST TIME

She arrived embarrassed, scared but quietly hopeful. Like many adults over 40 she was afraid of making her knee pain even worse and was convinced she wouldn't be able to do most of the exercises. And after years of fitness programs that hadn't worked, she was bracing herself to be disappointed again.

What she found was something different than anything she'd experienced before.

She started two days a week. The coaches didn't hand her a generic program and wish her luck. When her knee barked, they modified it. When her back felt it, they adjusted in real time — often before she said a word...because they were watching her face, her movement, the subtle signals her body was sending. And every session was building the one thing the medication couldn't give her back: strength.

"They know when to push and how much," she said. "They recognize when it's an off day and work with me to keep me moving. No more excuses."

For the first time in 25 years of trying, she didn't feel lost in a gym and instead was filled with hope.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GLP 1 AND PERSONAL TRAINING WORK TOGETHER

Once the training clicked alongside everything else, the results that had been stalled for months began to move — and they didn't stop.

Nearly 80 pounds gone. Inflammation markers, elevated for over a decade despite multiple medications, are finally normal. Her doctors, who had been telling her for years to lose weight, are looking at her bloodwork with something close to disbelief.

"Years of taking so many meds could have been avoided with a prescription to a gym with a great group of caring personal trainers"

But the numbers only tell part of the story.

"My clothes fit better and I actually don't hide under them anymore," she said. "I've lost inches throughout my entire body. Occasionally when I'm with my husband and kids, I love showing them how I notice a muscle — how my quads are actually forming. It truly is amazing. It's a change I never thought I'd see."

She's simply a happier person. After she posted a picture recently, a friend reached out to congratulate her for looking so happy and confident — and then told her she'd motivated her to start as well.

"I feel more confident in my clothes and in my own persona," Cristina said. When people see me in person, they tell me I look like a completely different person. A happy and confident woman."

She can kneel now without pain. The woman who used to ask her kids to pick things up off the floor because she couldn't bend down now carries five-gallon water jugs in each hand up the stairs. She hops into her husband's truck without struggling. She wears three-inch stiletto heels. She walks into any store she wants and does a celebration dance in the fitting room when things fit.

These aren't just cosmetic wins. They're the quiet markers of a body that's going to stay strong and independent for decades — getting off the floor on your own, carrying the load, catching

yourself when you stumble. That's what muscle buys you, and it's the one thing no injection can.

And this past September, she stood at the starting line of a 5K, knowing she never had run that far in her life. She was nervous and worried she wouldn't make it.

She crushed it, and didn't stop once. Not even on the hill. "Crossing that finish line without stopping was one of the proudest moments of my life," she said

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM CRISTINA TO ANYONE ON GLP-1 — OR THINKING ABOUT IT

"GLP-1 is a tool. But it's not the secret fix the media is making it out to be. I learned that the hard way the first time around. The gym — real coaching, real structure, real accountability — is what made everything actually work."

I'm not getting any younger, and I want to live long enough to see my grandkids. Most importantly, I don't want to be a burden to anyone. That's what finally got me serious.

Get Started before you feel ready. You don't need to know what you're doing or get in shape on your own BEFORE you hire a trainer... that's what they're for. Just show up and the right gym will take it from there. For me, it's Gabriele Fitness and that one decision changed everything for me. You'll start to feel better than you have in years. Slow and steady works, if you stay consistent.

We all start nervous. Stop waiting for the perfect time and just get up and start."

For Those Who See Themselves... or are worried about someone that would resonate with Cristina's Story — Read This:

Gabriele Fitness has opened 13 spots for local residents to experience their personal training program FREE for 14 days. You'll get 14 days to experience what Cristina found when the missing piece finally clicked into place.

This offer expires soon and is limited to 13 people. To get the full details and see if any spots are still available, scan below or call 908-464-4441



Scan the code or go to refer.gabrielefitness.com/cristina or Call us at (908) 293-9666

P.S. Many people reading this article will be inspired by Cristina 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 19 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. Because living longer only matters if you stay strong enough to enjoy it.

If you're still hesitant, the link below shares 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.

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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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2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Christ Child Society of Summit (CCSS) is proud to announce its 2026 Scholarship recipients: Alina Burkhanova and Emma Matamoros, seniors at Summit High School, and Hadyn Murphy, a senior at St. Peter's Prep. These worthy students each received a \$3,000 scholarship.

Qualifying applicants must be a graduating high school senior who has been accepted to an accredited 4-year or 2-year college, or an accredited vocational or technical school. Each applicant must be in need of financial aid and have experience working with and/or

volunteering with children while in high school. Applicants must live or have gone to high school in Summit, NJ.

Alina Burkhanova will attend West Virginia University and plans to become an immigration attorney. Emma Matamoros will study nursing at Seton Hall University. Hadyn Murphy will attend the University of Scranton, with the goal of becoming an occupational therapist.

The Christ Child Society of Summit is a nonprofit organization whose members are dedicated to serving the needs of children and families in our community.



(above, l-r) Maura Perier CCSS, Leslie Drummond CCSS, scholarship recipients Alina Burkhanova, Emma Matamoros, and Hadyn Murphy, Lois Melka CCSS, Jackie Browne CCSS

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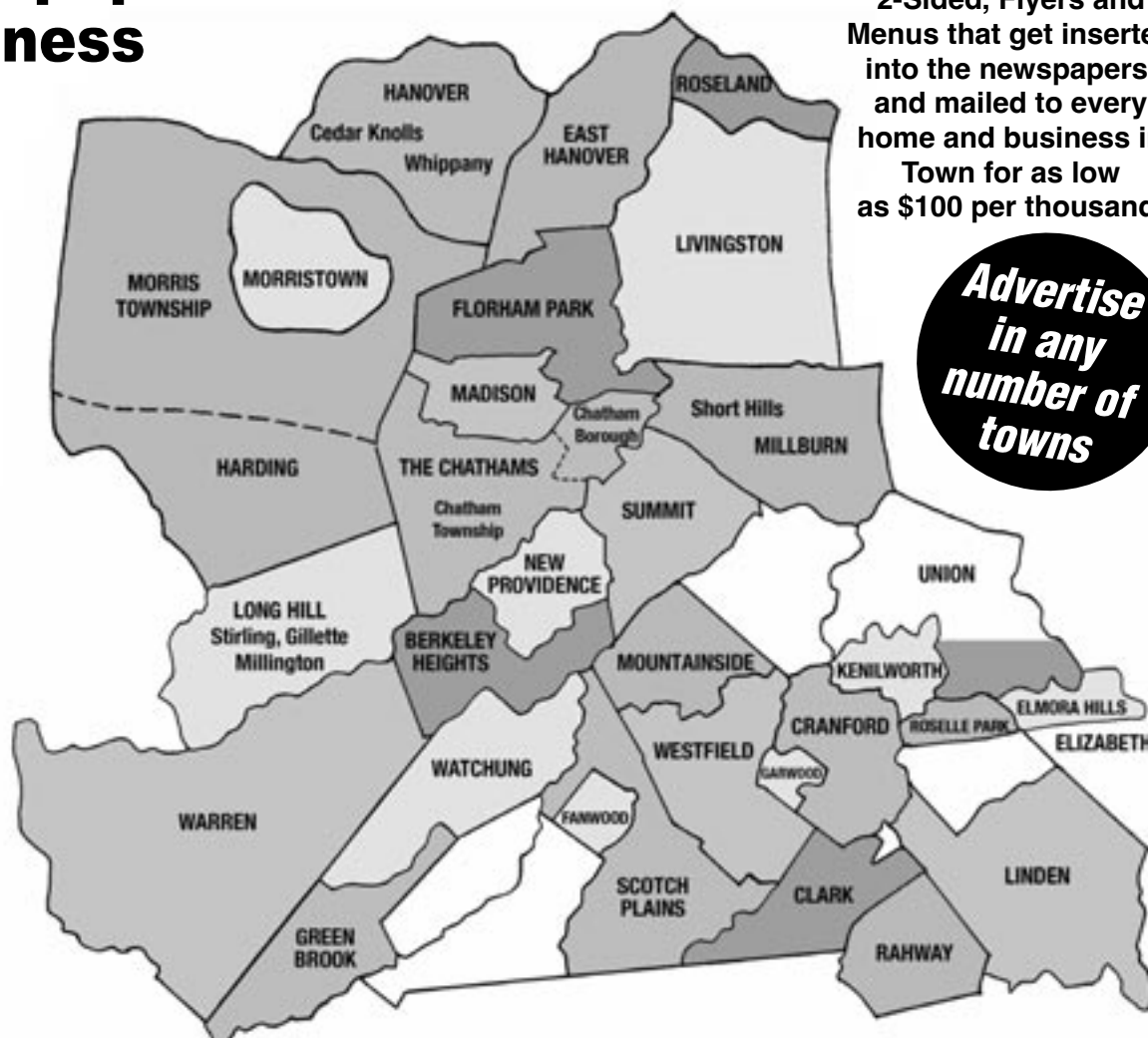
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ADULTS PROGRAMS

Virtual Author Talk: Paula J. Johnson

Tuesday, August 4 | 2:00–3:00 PM

Online. Smithsonian curator Paula J. Johnson discusses Julia Child's Kitchen: The Design, Tools, Stories, and Legacy of an Iconic Space, followed by a live Q&A.

Trivia Night

Thursday, August 6 | 6:30–8:00 PM

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Zentangle Workshop

Tuesday, August 11 | 7:00–8:30 PM

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Adult Craft Program:

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Highlighted Programs for Youth & Families

Prehistoric Pals

Tuesday, August 4 | 11:00–11:45 AM

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Teen Night: National Night Out Against Crime

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Dino Dance Party

Tuesday, August 18 | 11:00–11:45 AM

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Unearth a Story with Stop Motion

Tuesday, August 18 | 5:30–6:30 PM

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Books and Woofs

Wednesday, August 19 | 7:00–8:00 PM

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- **Support Young Readers:** LOTE4Kids (Languages Other Than English) - A database of digital audio-picture books in 100+ languages designed to help bilingual families and children learning a new language enjoy storytime together.
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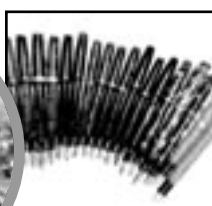
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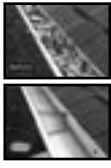
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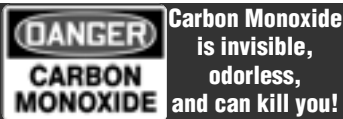


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