

SUMMIT VIEW

NEWS FROM YOUR CITY

MARCH 2025

TATLOCK FIELD COMMITTEE

The Summit City Council formed a Tatlock Field Committee to address resident concerns about traffic and noise, after multiple listening sessions engaging with residents. The committee aims to find solutions to issues brought to the attention of Council.

MAYORS HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE

Since its June launch, the Mayor's Homelessness Task Force has connected 12 people to housing, rehabilitation, or employment. By coordinating city resources and local agencies, the task force is making significant progress in addressing homelessness and meeting community needs.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

As the city is closing out Round 3 of its affordable housing goals, it is already working toward Round 4. City leadership aims to meet new requirements while updating and maintaining existing affordable housing units, promoting balanced development and community growth.



Back, from left: Councilmembers Michelle Kalmanson, Bob Pawlowski, Kevin Smallwood, Jamel Boyer, Claire Toth. Front, from left: Council President Mike McTernan, Mayor Elizabeth Fagan, President Pro Tem Delia Hamlet

STATE OF THE CITY

At the City of Summit's Organization Meeting on January 7, Mayor Fagan highlighted the city's achievements in 2024 and plans for 2025, including:

- Introduction of the Resident Protection Ordinance to combat crime.
- Addition of two police officers for enhanced public safety.
- Increased downtown parking enforcement and ongoing improvements to pedestrian safety, addressing e-bike and e-scooter issues.
- Progress in affordable housing and collaboration with organizations for community-integrated growth.
- Continued support from the Mayor's Homelessness Task Force for residents in need.
- Park enhancements & beautification efforts
- Continued effort to enhance STEAM at Summit schools.

The full speech is available on the Mayor's page at www.cityofsummit.org.

FROM MAYOR ELIZABETH FAGAN

Welcome to the first edition of our city newsletter! We're excited to share news and updates about our community. As your Mayor, I am proud of our team's hard work and the active involvement of residents like you. Together, we have improved safety, accessibility, and the quality of life in our city.

This newsletter is a vital connection between our administration and you, fostering open communication.

I encourage you to stay engaged and share your thoughts. Your voice matters as we work together to continue making Summit the best place to live and work in the state.

Warm regards,
Mayor Elizabeth Fagan, MD

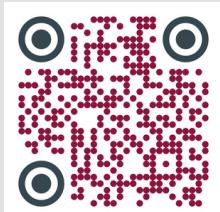


PAINT THE TOWN GREEN IN MAY

This May, Summit will celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month with a "paint the town green" initiative. Residents can participate by using green outdoor lights, displaying posters, and prioritizing mental health. The aim is to raise awareness and provide access to support resources like the 988 helpline.



ON COUNCIL AGENDA



ENERGY RATE OPTIONS

The Common Council plans to discuss an ordinance on March 4 that would enable an aggregate power corporation to offer reduced energy rates for Summit residents. While several approval steps are needed before implementation, if passed, residents can choose this option or opt out to remain with JCP&L. Follow the QR Code to learn more.

MORE CONTENT ONLINE!

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BUDGET UPDATE

Expect to see a budget snapshot in the mail in April. All departments have presented their 2025 budget request to the Finance Committee and the City CFO/City Administrator Tammie Baldwin is compiling the budget to present to Council. Before formal adoption, a budget snapshot will be sent out to all residents.

SNEAK PEAK AT NEW SUMMIT PLAYGROUNDS!



Summit residents can look forward to some updated recreational spaces. Our new all-abilities Mabie Playground is slated to break ground in 2025. The Tatlock Field Playground is also getting an upgrade with the design centered around nature. Money still needs to be raised for Tatlock and the design is subject to change, but here is a sneak peak at what may be in store!

DATES TO NOTE

- 3/7, 5 PM-9 PM: Celebrate 100 years of Community Programs with a special event.
- 4/12, 1 PM: PAL Easter Egg hunt on the Village Green.
- Ongoing: Registration for the municipal golf course and pool is now open at summitcommunityprograms.com.
- Ongoing: Summit Free Market on the second Saturday (8 AM - 3 PM) & fourth Friday (12 PM - 2 PM) of each month; Transfer station permit required.
- New Fire Station Open House Coming in the Spring! Visit cityofsummit.org in April for date & time.

HISTORY HIGHLIGHT:

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, Summit, NJ, became a popular retreat for New Yorkers seeking fresh air and relaxation. Its high elevation of 1,000 feet provided clean air and cooler temperatures, promoting health. The Grand Summit Hotel and other resorts offered wellness treatments like hydrotherapy and massage, making the town a sought-after destination.