Community Name: Summit
Population Size: 23957
Percentage of Residents Above Age 60: 17
Community Structure: City, Other (explain below)
Other: City -- Suburban
Community Type: Suburban (offices, apartments and shops), Suburban (mostly residential), Other (explain below)

Elected Official Signing the Letter of Commitment
Name: Nora Radest
Title: Mayor
Office Mailing Address: 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901
Community Contact Name: Tracy Keegan
Email: [redacted]
Position: Chair, Silver Summit Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Telephone: [redacted]
Role: Tracy Keegan is the current Chair of Silver Summit, the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee established by the City of Summit, NJ in the fall of 2020. The Committee is comprised of stakeholders and organizations serving the senior population of Summit, including two senior citizen residents; two Councilmembers; the Mayor; and community leaders from organizations including the YMCA, the Connection, GRACE Food Pantry, the Housing Authority, SAGE Eldercare, the Interfaith Council, and the Summit Foundation. Ms. Keegan is the co-founder of SHIELD of Summit, which matches volunteer grocery store shoppers with seniors sheltering at home amid the pandemic.

Older Adult Involvement: Silver Summit has two resident seniors on its Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and their input is highly valued as the Committee conceives of and implements initiatives. We are also preparing to administer a community-wide survey based on AARP's outline for questions to both gauge our community's age-friendliness and pinpoint areas for improvement. We plan to follow that up with Listening Forums and/or Focus Groups to seek senior input when the health environment is safer. We have launched a Facebook page, a landing page on the city's website, and a dedicated email address...
and phone number that seniors can contact to both share input and seek information.

**Increasing Collaboration and Coordination:** The Silver Summit Senior Citizens Advisory Committee is made up of residents, local elected officials, and leaders of local nonprofits who do work in the senior space. It reflects a broad representation of community stakeholders with an interest in the needs of older residents. Our meetings offer an opportunity for the different organizations to interact with each other and to share ideas, sparking collaborative efforts. Meetings are focused on information gathering, goal setting, and collaboration. Some of these ideas will filter down to the Projects Subcommittee, made up of about a dozen residents ready to implement the ideas that require volunteer support. The Chair works with all parties and does outreach to outside agencies and organizations, while Committee members bring their expertise -- based in their daily work at their organizations -- to the table, in an effort to collect and generate the best ideas and effect synergistic results.

**AARP Team Member Contact Info:** N/A

**Most Instructive Area of Work:** Summit will aim to show that a community known for its stellar public schools and plum location on a commuter rail line to NYC can also be age-friendly. We hope to show that our community is not only a great place to grow up, but to grow older. We look forward to sharing experiences and best practices with other communities, while learning from them and from AARP’s vast educational resources. We hope to act as a model for communities looking for ways to use an age-friendly lens in policies and initiatives and will show how governance, planning, the offerings of local organizations and the efforts of volunteers can come together to create an inclusive and vibrant community for all ages.

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**Website:** [https://www.cityofsummit.org/754/Silver-Summit-Senior-Citizen-Advisory-Co](https://www.cityofsummit.org/754/Silver-Summit-Senior-Citizen-Advisory-Co)

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